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PRICE FIVE CENTS

Canadian Hongkong Casualties Heavy Japs Halted on Hill; British Line Holds Tankers in B.C. Trade Attacked by Japanese Subs

Another Oil Ship Sent to Bottom Off California

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—The 440-foot tanker Montebello was attacked and sunk by an enemy submarine at 4 a.m. today off the California coast, headquarters of the 12th Navy District announced this afternoon. Four lifeboats carrying survivors have landed.

Earlier reports had said two United States tankers were shelled off Estero Bay today by an enemy submarine which shelled fishing boats trying to pick up survivors from one of the ships.

Sheriff Murray C. Hathaway said longboats and fishing craft trying to rescue survivors from the Montebello were shelled and fired on by machineguns from the attacking craft. Lifeboats with survivors were also fired on.

SURVIVORS DRIFT IN
Survivors were reported drifting in along the shore.

The attack on the two vessels was apparently made at about the same time, with the sound of firing and explosions audible on shore.

The Montebello, built in 1921 by the Southwestern Shipbuilding Company of San Diego, was 440 feet long and weighed 5,107 net tons.

LARRY DOHENY FIRED ON
The navy confirmed today that an enemy ship fired on the tanker Larry Doheny six miles off Estero Bay. There has since been no communication with the tanker.

The Larry Doheny, owned by Richfield Oil, was of 4,348 net tons.

(Both the Montebello and Larry Doheny are known in the California-British Columbia oil-carrying trade. The Montebello passed Victoria last week-end, on her way out to sea from Vancouver for San Francisco.)

FLASHES SEEN
Sounds of gunfire and of a shattering explosion were heard at Estero Bay and at Morro Bay, on the coast of San Luis Obispo, before dawn. Flashes from the guns could be seen on shore.

Estero Bay is about midway between San Francisco and Los Angeles.

The gunfire appeared to be about six miles at sea, north of the bay. Shooting started at 3.10 a.m. and continued intermittently until about 6 o'clock. The explosion, which rattled windows and doors of houses, was felt around 4 a.m.

I was the seventh enemy attack in nearby Pacific waters since opening of the war. Monday 30 survivors of the torpedoed tanker Emidio were landed at Eureka. The raiding submarine may have been damaged, Capt. Clark A. Farrow of the Emidio said.

6 Axis Ships Sunk In Mediterranean

LONDON (CP)—The Admiralty announced today that British submarines have destroyed six more Axis transports or supply ships in the Mediterranean.

One of them was a large supply ship which had already been seriously damaged by a torpedo from a submarine, the communiqué said.

The ship had been beached and Axis sailors were trying to carry out salvage operations when she

Final Bulletins ALLIED CHIEFS SURE OF VICTORY

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Churchill sitting side by side in the White House, voiced utmost confidence today in the abilities of their countries to fight the war to a successful conclusion.

Mr. Churchill emphasized at one point that the Allies were working out a complete unity of action in the southwest Pacific.

He said the Allies should bank on an external knockout of Germany rather than on an internal collapse of the Reich.

In the Pacific theatre, the Prime Minister said that we are going to do the utmost to defend the vital base of Singapore and its approaches until the situation becomes so favorable that a general offensive in the Pacific can be resumed.

Reds Retake Town

MOSCOW (AP)—Red army troops, still driving the Germans back on the Moscow defence arc, have occupied the important railway junction of Gorbachevo, 150 miles southwest of the capital, it was stated tonight.

Hitler Order

LONDON (CP)—The Berlin radio announced issuance of an order by Hitler today making punishable by death any profiteering on articles of winter equipment for the front. Reuters News Agency reported the broadcast.

Claim Lengthy Raids

LONDON (CP)—The Berlin radio was heard tonight broadcasting a Japanese claim that the Japanese air force carried out air attacks on fortified positions in the eastern part of Hongkong today for 12 hours.

Still Fighting

NEW YORK (AP)—The BBC broadcast a Chungking communiqué this afternoon saying radio contact between Hongkong and Chungking was made at midday and that the colony's defenders were "still fighting valiantly."

The broadcast heard here by CBS said two Japanese vessels were destroyed Monday by motor torpedo boats.

"The civil population is taking the situation calmly," it said.

Bombers on Job

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—Swift-striking United States bombing planes may have damaged or sunk the big enemy submarine which torpedoed the American tanker Emidio.

Malaya Line Holds

SINGAPORE (CP)—A British communiqué said today "there has been no further change in the military situation in northern Malaya."

was hit again by a torpedo and "this time destroyed."

Another submarine attacked a convoy of two large supply ships or transports with a destroyer escort. Both the supply ships were sunk.

In another convoy a large ship was hit, after which an explosion was heard aboard her. A large tanker and a medium-sized ship, which may have been a merchantman, also were victims of separate torpedo attacks. The latter was seen ablaze and listing sharply, the Admiralty said.

German Troops Move to Spain Through France

BERNE (AP)—German troops were reported authoritatively tonight to be moving through western occupied France to the Spanish frontier.

The movement was noted after Hitler's Sunday proclamation, on assuming command of the German land forces, to the effect that the German front from Norway to the Spanish border must be consolidated.

So far the number of troops moving southward is reported not large and it was not apparent whether they were equipped for shipment from Spain to north Africa, where the Axis armies are in dire straits.

It was, however, the first sizeable addition to German forces in the French-Spanish border area since the fall of France.

Considerable German army equipment has been piled up at the Spanish-French border for several months.

Observers here saw further evidence of French co-operation with the Axis in the appointment of an Italian ambassador to Paris.

Japanese Land On Wake Island

WASHINGTON (AP)—A Japanese force has landed on Wake Island.

In making this announcement today the United States Navy said enemy units of unspecified strength got ashore this morning on the tiny mid-Pacific island where marines have beaten off repeated onslaughts by enemy aircraft and naval units.

The small garrison underwent a strong air attack Monday morning, in which several enemy planes were shot down.

This attack was the 13th Japanese attack on Wake since the start of hostilities, and like the others apparently was beaten off by the marine garrison assisted by laborers on the island, but there was no announcement as to whether the detachment was still resisting the landing force which set foot on the American possession today.

PHILIPPINES FIGHT

The army said earlier in a communiqué that Japanese were continuing to pour in troops on the Lingayen Gulf coast of Luzon Island north of Manila in the Philippines.

Fighting was continuing with "increasing intensity," it said.

RAID CASUALTIES

MANILA (AP)—Heavy casualties resulted this afternoon when three Japanese planes bombed a centre which had been reserved for persons evacuated from Manila and other towns.

The planes apparently were aiming at the nearby gasoline stores of a private company.

The attack was the first affecting any of the numerous evacuation centres to which residents of crowded districts had been taken under Red Cross supervision.

Army headquarters announced today sharp fighting was continuing in northern Luzon, but said there had been no change in positions since Monday, when the Japanese landed strong forces at Santo Tomas, approximately 125 miles from Manila.

Observers here interpreted the announcement as indicating American and Filipino troops, reported earlier to be holding a line north of Damortis, four miles below Santo Tomas, had checked Japanese efforts to advance southward.

Army headquarters said today there was no confirmation of persistent reports that 47 Japanese transports had been sunk at Lingayen in northern Luzon.

(There has been no mention in

Officers Killed in Heroic Defence



Two of the four officers, Brigadier-General J. K. Lawson, M.C., second from the left, and Col. Patrick Hennessy, D.S.O., M.C., next to him and facing the camera, have been killed in action leading the Canadian Contingent at Hongkong. Col. Hennessy was well known in Victoria, having served here from 1928 to 1931.



Where Hongkong defenders are making their gallant stand.



Bound for Hongkong, Canadians embark at a west coast Canadian port.

WAR COUNCIL IN WASHINGTON

WASHINGTON (CP)—President Roosevelt, with Prime Minister Churchill, United States navy and army officials and a British staff of experts and advisers, were in conference this afternoon. The talks started at 2 p.m., P.S.T.

The White House said the group might be called the "War Council."

It was the first conference between the President and the entire British mission. Mr. Roosevelt and Mr. Churchill had a long conference behind securely guarded White House doors until well after midnight, following Mr. Churchill's dramatic appearance in the capital.

(See earlier Churchill story, page 2.)

Cease Opposing Russians

BERLIN (German Broadcast Recorded by AP)—Transocean, in a dispatch from Vichy, said today the "French Legion," which had been fighting in Soviet Russia, had been withdrawn from the firing line. It said the official reason given was that the legion was being taken back for a rest.

Brig. J. K. Lawson, Col. Hennessy Killed

OTTAWA (CP)—Fighting day and night on the hills and streets of Hongkong, Canadian army forces have suffered heavy casualties, Defence Minister Ralston announced today.

The minister said it was believed Brig. J. K. Lawson, commander of the Canadian contingent, had been killed. His senior staff officer, Col. Patrick Hennessy, was killed by shell fire. Both men were seasoned professional soldiers of the permanent force whose homes are in Ottawa.

The minister's statement said: "A situation report from Hongkong up to 6 p.m. (2 p.m. P.S.T.) yesterday, received through the British Admiralty, indicates the force generally has suffered heavy casualties.

"The enemy has succeeded in landing fresh forces and has been attacking our positions continuously.

**Counter-attacks
Bring Bitter Fight**

"Two Canadian counter-attacks had not succeeded in making progress. They had, however, killed a number of the enemy though at some cost to ourselves.

"It would appear that the garrison is stubbornly holding out in three main positions.

"The report states the situation is critical.

Defence authorities said there was no indication when a casualty list might become available from Hongkong.

"With today's information coming from the British Admiralty, it looks as though the defenders of Hongkong have to get their information out to some ship and then have it relayed," one source said. "It is extremely difficult to say when more complete information may be available."

In assigning two such experienced officers as Brig. Lawson and Col. Hennessy to the Hongkong contingent the Defence Department had an eye to providing the small force there with the best possible leadership in anticipation of the role it was to play.

Their deaths in the midst of the fighting indicate they played an active role in the struggle.

The Canadians, however, form but a part of the Hongkong garrison, and the higher command with the responsibility for general direction of the operations rests in British officers.

Brig. Lawson led his Canadians to the Orient only in mid-November, and the battle of Hongkong was the first real fighting Canadian army forces had seen in this war.

Under Brig. Lawson were included men from two battalions, the Winnipeg Grenadiers and the Quebec Royal Rifles. Identification of these regiments was permitted by authorities only Monday night. (See story page 2).

Brig. Lawson, early in the fighting at the No. 2 Far East bastion of the British Empire, had been in communication daily with defence headquarters in Ottawa. Then as conditions in Hongkong became tougher, the messages he was able to get through were few and information had been sketchy for the past several days.

A slim, alert man, with a dark moustache, Brig. Lawson was a well-known figure to Canada's new army before he went to Hongkong as director of military training he traveled from coast to coast, observing the training of young men who had volunteered for service, or were called under the National Resources Mobilization Act.

**Rose From Ranks
To High Command**

Brig. Lawson rose from the ranks to posts of high responsibility. Born in Yorkshire, he was educated in Worcester Public School, in the Old Country, and London University.

In 1912 he served with the Hudson's Bay Company, stationed at Edmonton. He enlisted as a private with the 101st Edmonton Fusiliers in the first Great War.

After the first Great War he accepted a commission in the permanent force, was posted to Kingston, Ont., and then Toronto.

**Col. Hennessy
Saw Long Service**

Col. Hennessy was an experienced professional soldier who served in the ranks with the British army before the first Great War and won a commission with the Canadians during that conflict.

Born at Cork, Ireland, 56 years ago, he was on duty in Canada when the first Great War broke out and went overseas with the first Canadian contingent. He won his commission in 1915 and was awarded the Distinguished Service Order and the Military Cross for services in the field.

(Col. Hennessy was well known in Victoria from 1928 to 1931, when he served at the Work Point garrison as district transport and supply officer in the Canadian Army Service Corps under Brig. J. Sutherland Brown. He is survived by his widow, a daughter and two sons, one of whom is now in the navy, the other in the R.C.A.F.)

**Ground Regained
By Counter-attack**

HONGKONG (AP)—Hongkong's defenders have "contained"—halted and perhaps surrounded—Japanese forces who made a light penetration in their lines on Mount Cameron on Hongkong Island, the British command announced today.

**Must Be Retaken
If It Falls**

LONDON (CP)—Despite repeated Japanese assertions that Hongkong is on the verge of capture, the United Kingdom still flew today over its resolute defenders, who, apparently, had even smashed back their far more numerous foes and regained some positions.

As the stubborn fight went on against hopeless odds, it was feared here—a British authority declared the island's recapture "would be essential to our future plans" if it fell to the Japanese.

The invaders now have had four full days to wrest the last, Victoria.

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Latvians Aid Russians

LONDON (CP)—Latvian soldiers and officers are fighting with the Red army near Moscow, a Pravda dispatch broadcast by the Moscow radio said today. The Communist newspaper said the Latvians escaped from German-occupied towns and villages to join a Latvian division formed in the Soviet Union.

NANAIMO PIONEER DIES

NANAIMO (CP)—Mrs. Anetta Cuffalo, 87, pioneer resident of Nanaimo and district, died yesterday. She and her husband, who predeceased her 19 years ago, operated many hotels in this district. She came here 60 years ago from Venice, Italy.

WILL GIVE DIVIDENDS

TORONTO (CP)—Macleod Cockshead Gold Mines Ltd. will distribute dividends in proportion to the earnings in 1942, it was announced at the annual meeting here today. Joseph Errington, managing director, said the mine might move to 1,500 tons daily and certainly could undertake 1,000 tons daily if it had the needed equipment. It is now milling 670 tons.

On Toward Tripolitania

British Libya Forces Drive To Gulf of Sirte Plain

CAIRO (AP)—British speed columns in Libya have reached the coastal plain south of the Gulf of Sirte, far beyond Benghazi, and other such forces are slashing freely into the areas through which Germans and Italians must retreat if they are to reach Tripoli safely, the British command said today.

(The remnants of the Axis armies probably will attempt a final stand in the region of Benghazi because Lt. Gen. Erwin Rommel "cannot help it," said an authoritative military commentator in London. The number of British columns operating south of Benghazi would appear to make a wholesale withdrawal into Tripolitania impossible, he said. Thus the Germans and Italians have no choice but to fight.)

PLANES DESTROYED

One column carried out a destructive raid on an advanced Axis landing ground at Agadabia, 100 miles south of Benghazi, two nights ago and wiped out no fewer than 37 planes parked on the field, said the communiqué.

These swift operations threatening and nipping at the Axis line of retreat followed the announcement Monday that another such column had swooped on a newly-established airfield 150 miles inside Tripolitania, far to the west, and destroyed at least 24 planes.

Hurriedly reinforced troops were steadily increasing their pressure on Benghazi. The Italian forces still east of that second most important Axis base in north-Africa were only rear-guard.

LEAVE WRECKAGE

The communiqué said the relentlessly grinding British pursuit of routed Germans and Italians had left in its wake a great mass of wrecked war material—tanks, planes, trucks and guns—which was found scattered far and wide over the countryside all the way from the inland stronghold of Mekeil to Benghazi. Despite sandstorms and other unfavorable weather British airmen attacking columns of troops and supplies were incessantly adding to the war wreckage. These

attacks were especially severe to the south and west of Agadabia.

74 PLANES CAPTURED

An R.A.F. communiqué said 74 Axis planes had been captured at the Derna airdrome.

Planes harried retreating Axis forces, causing heavy casualties among enemy troops and great damage to mobilized convoys on the El Aghella road, the communiqué said.

In one attack more than 100 trucks, most of them full of troops, were successfully attacked, with many trucks and trailers destroyed.

Planes ranged as far west as Tripoli, where an airport was reported attacked and at least seven planes destroyed by fire and buildings hit. Bombs were dropped in the motor transport dispersal area of the city and pilots said there were violent explosions and fires.

Many German and Italian troops have been overtaken by the British forces, but so far it is not possible to indicate the number of prisoners taken.

At the White House

Churchill-F.D.R. Discuss World-wide War Strategy

WASHINGTON (CP)—A party of 83 British experts and technical advisers accompanied Prime Minister Winston Churchill of Britain on his trip across the Atlantic.

No hint has been given here as to whether Mr. Churchill crossed the ocean by plane or battleship. He left London on a blacked-out train the night of Dec. 12, less than a week after the United States and Japan went to war.

Lord Beaverbrook, Canadian-born Minister of Supply, accompanied the Prime Minister, as did Admiral Sir Dudley Pound, commander-in-chief of the British fleet. Air Marshal Sir Charles Portal, and Gen. Sir John Dill, former chief of the Imperial General Staff, and now governor of Bombay.

WAR COUNCIL

Invited to the first American-British meeting today which the White House termed the "war council," were Secretary of War Stimson, Gen. George C. Marshall, U.S. army chief of staff; Major-General Henry H. Arnold, deputy chief of staff; and Secretary of the Navy Frank Knox, Admiral Harold R. Stark, chief of U.S. naval operations; Admiral Ernest J. King, new commander of the U.S. fleet, and Harry L. Hopkins, special Presidential assistant on lend-lease affairs.

Stephen Early, Presidential secretary, in answer to newsmen's questions, said the U.S. army and navy officers and British groups composed the Anglo-American war council. "This leaves the door open for additions to the group when Russia, China, the Netherlands and others are brought within the scope of the unified inter-allied war command."

A meeting between Mr. Churchill and the 10 American ministers to the United States are arranged for sometime today.

Sir Gerald Campbell, director-general of the British information service in the U.S., after a talk with Mr. Churchill, said the White House conferences would strike this single purpose: "world-wide strategy and world-wide supply leading to world-wide victory."

Then Sir Gerald added: "Nobody's going to prophesy when victory will come—the sooner the better."

COUNTER-PLANS

Allied counter-plans against any sudden Hitler stab to compensate for Germany's winter defeat on

the Russian front were among a long list of war problems claiming the attention of Churchill and Roosevelt.

Predictions in the Spanish press of "startling" military actions such as "defences of western Europe against Yankee attack" kept the European situation high on the list even though the Japanese thrust to Far Eastern bastions was of immediate major importance.

For long-range consideration the Prime Minister and President had these problems:

1. Obtaining full Russian co-operation in the Pacific;
2. Preparing against any Axis attempt to seize the French fleet and French African bases through force or treachery;
3. Acting jointly in any Axis attempt to choke off the Mediterranean by drives through Turkey and Spain;
4. Maintaining a strong anti-Axis front in Africa to draw pressure from the Russian front;
5. Consolidating British Libyan gains as a threat to the Italian mainland;
6. Helping Russia prepare against a renewed German drive toward Moscow and the Caucasus oil fields next spring in case Hitler's forces recover quickly from the present eastern debacle.

WORLD-WIDE G.H.Q.

The White House has now become G.H.Q. for the world-wide battle against Germany, Italy and Japan.

Following their talk of Monday night in the oval study—once used by Abraham Lincoln when he directed another war—the President and the Prime Minister met again this morning after breakfast.

Mr. Roosevelt went to the airport to greet Mr. Churchill and the two democratic war leaders returned together to the White House in a big limousine. They had a quiet dinner together.

Mr. Churchill, his face set and determined, was wearing the familiar nautical cap and high-collared seaman's jacket, as he clasped the outstretched hand of the smiling President.

There are indications Mr. Churchill's stay might be of some duration. He will be honor guest at the White House family Christmas dinner. Mr. Churchill is part American—his beautiful mother was Jenny Jerome of

New York and he has often visited this continent.

Prime Minister King of Canada is expected here later this week to join in the Roosevelt-Churchill conference.

RAISE BRITISH SPIRITS

LONDON (CP)—British spirits soared today at the news Prime Minister Churchill and President Roosevelt were conferring in Washington. Prompt development of a master plan of anti-Axis strategy was forecast.

Newspaper commentators generally agreed the second meeting of the Prime Minister and President was of much greater importance than the sea rendezvous in August, from which developed the eight-point Atlantic charter.

Meeting the Daily Telegraph said: "The personal contact in this emergency of the two leading figures in embattled resistance to tyranny, perfidy, cruelty and greed will further that cause as nothing else could do."

The Daily Express declared planning at Washington to upset the Axis' one-by-one technique of conquest was "as vital a part of the war effort as munitions making."

For strategic reasons, said the Daily Mail, the world "may have to be divided into a number of regions, each with its own high command, linked by a supreme council."

NO SURPRISE

BERLIN (German broadcast recorded by AP)—A news agency said of Transocean agency said today, Prime Minister Churchill's visit to Washington "surprised no one here."

"The news of recent days which had reached Berlin left no doubt that discussions about joint conduct of the war between England and the United States... had either already begun or were about to begin," said the broadcast.

New Chief of Staff

ANNAPOLIS, Md. (AP)—Rear-Admiral Russell Willson, naval academy superintendent, was ordered to duty today as chief of staff to Admiral Ernest J. King, commander-in-chief of the United States fleet.

50-mile Advance in Tikhvin Region

Russians Drive on in Blizzards

By HENRY CASSIDY
MOSCOW (AP)—The Red army, pressing relentlessly its general counter-offensive, was reported today to have driven the Germans back to the Volkhov River, southeast of Leningrad, and in some places to have thrown them across the river.

While blizzards raged in a temperature 22 degrees below zero Fahrenheit, Russian troops advanced 50 miles west of Tikhvin, jumping off place for the push in the northwest front and 110 miles east of Leningrad.

Private letters arriving in Moscow from Leningrad were cited as proof that communications

southeast of Leningrad had been reopened. Writers said the food situation in the Baltic city had improved and they expressed the belief supplies had arrived there from the United States and Great Britain.

Military dispatches said the German lines at the heart of the Moscow front also continued to bend back after having been broken at the flanks in the Kalinin and Tula sectors.

Pravda, the Communist party newspaper, reported Soviet troops bursting from Leningrad had routed the Germans on that front. In one sector where the Germans sought to impede the Russian pursuit by a counter-offensive, Pravda said, 800 Ger-

mans were slain by the Russians and the remaining forces were scattered, floundering through forests where Soviet ski troops were hunting them down.

Pravda's correspondent on the Tula front, south of Moscow, said Gen. Boldin's troops had recaptured 25 populated places in a day and a night of fighting. He added, however, that the Germans were reacting stubbornly and counter-attacking.

From the southwestern front, where the Red army has been driving the Germans back from the Caucasus gateway and out of the Donets iron and coal basin, came a Tass agency report telling of the recapture of 46 villages and new positions.

Quebec Troops Battle Japanese At Hongkong

QUEBEC (CP)—Quebec province watched anxiously today the heroic defence of Hongkong, where many of her sons are offering themselves in the fight of the Empire.

Families in nearly every part of the province have husband, son or brother there, members of the Royal Rifles of Canada, a Quebec City unit.

Until Monday night official secrecy forbade the public naming of Canadian units in the Far East, but it was no secret to the thousands who knew the men fighting there.

FROM TOWNSHIPS

The city of Quebec itself and the Eastern Townships of the province, whose 7th and 11th Hussars were joined in the recruiting posters of the Royal Regiment, are believed to be the most heavily represented, but some of the men came from the far parts of the province down to the Gaspé coast.

The regiment, trained here and Debert, N.S., was stationed for a while in Newfoundland, and only a few weeks ago, Nov. 15, its arrival on the other side of the world was announced, though its name was not given.

Relatives were still receiving messages of "safe at Hongkong" when Japan struck. There were many like this one from Marbleton, in the Eastern Townships, sent in to a Sherbrooke paper only last week.

"Mrs. E. S. Gilbert received a cable from her husband, Pte. B. S. Gilbert, announcing his safe arrival at Hongkong."

VETERANS THERE

Veterans of the last war and youths just old enough to enroll appear on the lists of the fighting regiment and their pictures show a handsome and hardy lot of men, fit and trim in their battle dress before they left their homes.

The officer commanding when the unit left Canada was Lt. Col. W. J. Home, M.C., who enlisted in the permanent force in 1913 as a private. A regimental photograph showed other officers, most of whom are believed to be in Hongkong. They included Lieut. F. G. Power, son of Air Minister Power, and Lieut. J. E. Ross, son-in-law of Sir Eugene Fiset, Lieutenant Governor of Quebec, both of Quebec City.

Yoroshilov Leads Far East Army

LONDON (CP)—A London authority said today Marshal Klement Voroshilov, who organized the defence of Leningrad last August as commander of the northern Russian front, had been appointed commander of Soviet forces in the Far East.

The appointment does not necessarily mean the Russians are contemplating action against Japan, the source said, though he acknowledged such action is a possibility.

Information received here, he added, was to the effect the Russians "wanted the front well protected."

Marshal Voroshilov, who will be 61 Feb. 5, is the former commander-in-chief of the Soviet army, navy and air force who is probably responsible more than any man in Russia except Stalin himself for the mighty organization of the present Red army.

He commanded Russian troops which divided Poland with Germany in 1939 and directed the 1939-40 war against Finland from Moscow. The new Russian frontier fortifications built after Finland's defeat were called the Voroshilov Line.

Voroshilov was shifted to the post of chairman of the committee of defence in May, 1940, when Marshal Semyon Timoshenko replaced him as defence commissar. An early Bolshevik agitator as well as a self-made soldier, Voroshilov brought his oratory to bear in rousing a people's army to the successful defence of Leningrad, which at the height of the German attack he threatened to blow up rather than surrender.

Last October, when Stalin reorganized Russia's western front command, Voroshilov and Marshal Semyon Budenny were given the task of forming the new fighting forces.

CREDITORS TO MEET

TORONTO (CP)—Secured and unsecured creditors of Lake Superior Pulp Co. Ltd. were notified today a special meeting will be held here Jan. 6. The financial position of the company will be considered.

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The livers are high in vitamins and are in great demand at present. The fish are caught off the west coast of Vancouver Island and off the Queen Charlotte Islands.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Committee for Medical Aid for China closed Wednesday, Christmas Eve, until Friday, Jan. 2. We take this opportunity of thanking all our contributors. ***

Crochet and knitted dollies, 95c to \$1.65; knitting bags, knitted wool bedjackets, \$1.75 to \$3.95; sewing sets; Needle Craft Shoppe, 609 Fort St. ***

New Telephone Number—Two main lines answer B 2171. Stewart & Hudson, Retail Lumber Yard, 405 Gorge Road. ***

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Results of Island Labor Council annual turkey drawing: 4332, 4112, 4000, 1565, 1560, 6037, 1723, 6004, 3827, 1954. ***

The Gordon Head Red Cross Unit announces that ticket 675 won the doll's house. It was held by Jackie Rogers, 1547 Poul Bay Road. ***

Victoria School of Expression Friday, Dec. 19, 8 p.m., at 1005 Cook Street. Reading Dickens' "Christmas Carol." Seats may be reserved by telephoning C 5825. Proceeds to bombed victims. ***

Winner of the Victoria Boys' Band turkey draw, Mrs. Hobbs, 2727, Mrs. Bentley 3047. ***

Winning numbers for Civic Employees' Protective Association turkey draw are: 1047, 847, 720, 161, 958, 943, 234, 1215, 370, 145, 1145, 965, 232, 461, 204. ***

Winning numbers in Pride of the Island Lodge S.O.E. Hall tombola, Dec. 20: 293, 1, 539, 455, 39, 292, 114, 445, 363, 503, 354, 312. ***

Winning numbers of the drawing sponsored by the Altar Society of Our Lady of Lourdes Church: Christmas dinner, No. 418; satin cushion, No. 2141. ***

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Gallup Poll

67% of Canadians Expect Compulsory Overseas Service Before War Is Over; Quebec 41%

By CANADIAN INSTITUTE OF PUBLIC OPINION

TORONTO—Even before Japan's attack in the Pacific, a majority of Canadians had come to believe that the Dominion would be obliged to adopt selective service—“including compulsory overseas service”—before the end of the war.

Since the Japanese attack, and the consequent spread of the war into a war of all continents and all oceans, the number of Canadians expecting acceptance of such a plan has increased.

Those facts—descriptive of a most important and most controversial phase of Canadian thinking—are indicated today upon the completion of two successive nationwide surveys by the Canadian Institute of Public Opinion (Gallup Poll of Canada).

To measure something of the average Canadian's expectations regarding compulsory overseas service, apart from any individual's personal feelings in the matter, the Institute put the following question to a scientifically selected cross-section of the civilian population from coast to coast:

“Do you think Canada will have to adopt selective service for its manpower, including compulsory overseas service, before the war ends?”

Nation-wide returns from interviewing conducted before the Japanese war showed six persons in every 10 thought compulsory overseas service lay ahead.

Since the momentous events of a fortnight ago, the Institute's continuous checks show nearly seven persons in 10 expecting it. The actual vote in the surveys gives the following dramatic trend picture:

Expecting Canada eventually will have to adopt selective service for its manpower, including compulsory overseas service, before the war ends:

Before Jap War, 67% 29% 11%
After Jap War, 67 25 8

Obviously, as in all matters of human expectation, the majority may be right or wrong in its present conclusions. But the survey underlines once more the degree to which public opinion is moulded by events.

A lot depends on what happens in the Pacific. If the Japanese are driven out of Hong Kong, some voters volunteered in reply to the question, “The situation has certainly changed since the early months of the war.”

PRAIRIE PROVINCES

In view of the recent action of the Manitoba Legislature in recommending compulsory service, and because of the speculation regarding sentiment in the prairie provinces in general, it is interesting to note that more than three voters in every four in Manitoba, Saskatchewan and

Public Opinion in Canada, U.S. Still Regards Nazis as Chief Foe

By CANADIAN INSTITUTE OF PUBLIC OPINION

TORONTO—Despite the life-and-death struggle involving their own forces in the Pacific, public opinion in both the United States and Canada still regards Germany as the principle enemy—and the European-African battleground as the chief focus of the war.

That double fact is indicated today as the Canadian Institute of Public Opinion and its U.S. affiliate (The Gallup Poll) made simultaneous reports on closely comparable survey questions.

The Canadian survey, asked a cross-section of men and women throughout the Dominion: “In your opinion, which of the two

battlegrounds is more important for the victory of the democracies—the war in Europe and Africa, or the war in the Pacific?”

Canadian replies to the question are:

CANADIAN PUBLIC OPINION
European-African Front—51%
Pacific Front—32%
Undecided—17%

The American results are: “Which country do you think is the greatest threat to America's future—Germany or Japan?”

AMERICAN PUBLIC OPINION
Germany Greatest Threat—64%
Japan Greatest Threat—15%
No Difference—15%
Undecided—6%

Gallup Poll of Canada: Do you think Canada will have to adopt selective service for its manpower, including compulsory overseas service, before the war is over?

Yes, 67%; No, 25%; Undecided, 8%.



Alberta who gave replies in the survey now say they expect compulsory overseas service eventually.

More than three out of four in survey returns from Ontario, British Columbia and the Maritimes also said they expected compulsory service.

In Quebec province the replies were: Expect compulsory overseas service before the end of the

war, 41 per cent; do not expect it, 48 per cent; undecided, 11 per cent.

WHAT SURVEYS HAVE SHOWN

Political observers should, of course, make a distinction between the public's expectations in such a matter, and their actual desires.

Gallup Polls in the United States repeatedly found that from 80 to 85 per cent of the American public expected their country to enter the war “before it's over,” but that seldom more than 25 to 30 per cent—before the war was brought to their doors—favoured the U.S. taking the initiative in a war declaration.

Canadian government officials announced that a plan is already in advanced stages for allocating manpower to industry, farming and the defence services under the selective service principle. Last Saturday the Gallup Poll of Canada reported that a large majority of Canadians (72%) are ready for such a program and favor it.

One remaining question is: How many Canadians think the country should go still farther at this time and adopt compulsory overseas service? On Saturday the poll will report how rank-and-file Canadians think they would vote on this question at the present time.

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TIBBETT IN HOSPITAL

NEW YORK (AP)—Lawrence Tibbett, Metropolitan opera baritone, underwent an emergency appendectomy Monday at Doctors' Hospital, where today he was reported “doing very well.” Tibbett became ill Saturday.

Canada Fortunate As Christmas Comes

OTTAWA (CP)—In a war-saddened world most Canadians can still wish one another a “merry Christmas” without a touch of personal sorrow.

While millions of homes in other lands are bereaved or uprooted, comparatively few Canadian homes have suffered the tragic blight of bereavement, although a couple of hundred thousand will be lonely for the absence of husband, father, son or brother.

Here and there the toll of air and sea warfare leaves its trace of sadness, while official news that Canadian casualties in the Battle of Hongkong have been heavy brought anxiety today into households in some parts of Canada.

The armed forces of the fighting nations are believed to total almost 50,000,000 men. If one leaves off half to account for the non-Christians who are not interested in Christmas and those who may get Christmas leave, there are 25,000,000 men away from home this Christmas, many of them in the battle lines of Russia, Africa, of the Far East.

The shattered homes of western Russia are numberless, and in the occupied countries 100,000,000 people must try to simulate a little Christmas joy under the rule of alien soldiers and within sight of homes battered by bomb and shell.

Within the warring countries, particularly in Nazi Germany, concentration camps are filled with prisoners and deported workers for whom the pleasures of a homey Christmas can be only memories.

The deep blue of the Sargasso Sea in the tropical Atlantic is attributed to great depth of water, lack of turbidity and scarcity of microscopic marine life.

D.F.M.'s AWARDED 3 EMPIRE FLIERS

LONDON (CP)—Three bomber command sergeants either born in Canada or having Canadian connections, have been awarded the Distinguished Flying Medal, the Air Ministry announces.

They are Ernest Wilson Burgess, born in Vancouver but now a resident of England; William Gellhorn Gilpin, a Scottish wireless operator whose family lives in Kilscoy, Alta., and Robert Steel Turnbull, native of Winnipeg whose home town is now Gowan, Sask.

Burgess, a wireless operator and air gunner, has “done consistently good work,” his official citation said. “On many occasions his skill has been the deciding factor in the safe return of his aircraft to base. Burgess has shown devotion to duty of a high order in very difficult conditions.”

The Air Ministry said many operations in which Gilpin had participated were carried out in winter months in adverse conditions but that by his exceptional skill he had gained the complete confidence of his captain and crew.

“In several occasions Gilpin has shown resource in the most trying circumstances and has assisted considerably in the safe return of his aircraft. He has set a fine example throughout.”

The citation described Turnbull as a “reliable and conscientious captain” who has “displayed high courage and never-failing enthusiasm.”

Burgess, 25, and Gilpin, 22, are both members of the R.A.F. Turnbull, 23, is an R.C.A.F. graduate of the British Commonwealth Air Training Plan.

Agree on Regulations

SALEM, Ore. (AP)—Uniform air raid regulations for Oregon and Washington will be followed. As a result of a meeting of defence officials in Portland, Defence Co-ordinator Jerrold Owen announced that air raid warning signals, to last two minutes and to be given 15 minutes before the expected raid, will consist either of “undulating, fluctuating or warbling signals of varying pitch, or a succession of intermittent blasts.” The all-clear signal will be a steady two-minute blast.

Owen said uniform traffic regulations also were adopted.

More German Barbarity

LONDON (CP)—The Netherlands news agency, Aneta, says persons reaching Britain from Holland had seen Russian prisoners, intentionally kept in filthy and ragged condition, exhibited in the Netherlands by German guards who told the local populace contemptuously: “These are England's allies.”

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South African Paper Voices Criticism

JOHANNESBURG (CP)—The Rand Daily Mail, discussing the lesson of Hongkong, Malaya and Libya, said that “Britain's main task is to regain the initiative.”

“The decision was to hold Hongkong in the event of a war with Japan, apparently reinforcements were sent there and the public was reassured repeatedly about the strength of the fortress and the thoroughness of defensive preparations.”

“The public was thus entitled to expect Hongkong to be capable of withstanding a long siege, yet within five days of the initial attack the Japanese were firmly established on the island, whose fate is in the gravest doubt.”

Referring to Malaya, the newspaper said “the stories of courageous resistance against heavy odds and of new methods are unpleasantly familiar.” It added that “in Libya it is now acknowledged that Axis armored strength both in number and quality was much underrated.”

The newspaper asked if “there is not too much complacency even now not only among the general public but also in the high

military command of the Imperial forces?”

Wolf Packs Ravage Stock in North B.C.

BURNS LAKE, B.C. (CP)—Bush wolves have invaded farmyards in the Burns Lake area and timber wolves are killing off deer and moose, local trappers report.

The animals have grown so bold they killed a calf in the open barnyard on the farm of John H. Keefe at Francois Lake.

Andrew Walker has lost four head of valuable dairy animals during the past season and sheep owners have found it necessary to keep their animals under continuous herd.

One farmer who took the advice of oldtimers who claimed a billy goat run with the flock would keep wolves away, found the goat was anything but a help. A coyote sneaked in and killed him.

Near the Deerfoot farm operated by Gus Braten, at Uncha Valley, wolves have cleaned up a range formerly well stocked with deer. Two of the big animals caught by a trapper measured more than six feet from nose to tail tip.

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Churchill and Roosevelt **YESTERDAY AFTERNOON'S AN-** **nouncement that the British Prime Min-** **ister actually had arrived in Washington im-** **parted a dramatic and symbolic touch to a** **week-end of developments in Europe which** **had taken some of the sting out of the less** **consolatory accounts of the progress of** **events in the Pacific arena. It added an im-** **pressive postscript to the prolific editorial** **discussion on the principle of a "master** **plan" in which most newspapers in Allied** **countries have indulged since Japan took the** **war into United States territory. What ef-** **fect this new manifestation of elasticity in** **democratic procedure will have on the Ger-** **man people—as they ponder over the Goeb-** **belian appeal for second-hand clothing and** **Hitler's decision to respond to his intuitive** **impulses—remains a matter for entertaining** **conjecture. However, this second conference** **between the heads of the great association** **of English-speaking nations in less than six** **months furnishes a fitting reply to the Ger-** **man Fuehrer's announcement of new and** **"decisive" action by the Axis gang, while it** **obviously presages co-ordinated military—** **possibly political—and economic effort whose** **influence may be of inestimable benefit in** **reshaping world society after the conflict has** **been brought to a successful conclusion.** **Although Mr. Churchill and Mr. Roose-** **velt will address themselves to preliminary** **considerations that must eventually be dealt** **with by a fully-representative gathering of** **spokesmen entitled to speak authoritatively** **for their respective anti-Axis countries, the** **governments of all the fighting democracies** **will doubtless feel, in the meantime, that the** **two men are admirably fitted to undertake** **the initial spadework. The Prime Minister** **has had to face many disappointments, and** **rectify many mistakes; the President is still** **smarting acutely under the impact of the** **actual war from which he knew his country** **could not escape. Both are realistic; both are** **tasting the bitter fruits of procrastination** **for which they were not responsible; both** **have long been persuaded that no decent folk** **can do business with Hitler and his satellites.** **This is a good point from which to start** **out on an all-embracing policy of unified di-** **rection and control; we may be sure their** **joint experiences will pay dividends, that** **bode ill for the forces of evil. It is neverthe-** **less a gigantic task for which they are about** **to lay the important foundations.** **Between now and the time when the** **Prime Minister and the President are joined** **by the official and authoritative representa-** **tives of all the other governments engaged** **in the fight against the Nazi tyranny, ex-** **perts and pseudo-experts, dogmatic column-** **ists from far and near, "Colonel Blimps"** **steeped in the lore of 19th century warfare,** **armchair strategists of this year of grace,** **and all that confraternity of architects who** **have their own pet schemes for remaking** **the world after the last shot has been fired** **—all these will wax prolific and profound** **in their gratuitous advice to the men whose** **identity of purpose and implacable resolve** **will do much to win the victory and the** **peace that must follow. Nor should this un-** **limited discussion be discouraged. What the** **people of this and other countries pledged** **to shatter totalitarianism demand and need** **more than anything else at this stage of the** **world-wide conflict is plain talk. It mat-** **ters not what military or political heads may** **fall when the unified program—whatever it** **may be—once has been agreed upon. The** **only objective to be striven for is complete** **victory in every sense of the term. What is** **necessary to achieve that ultimate goal cer-** **tainly will be the keynote of the inter-allied** **deliberations for which Mr. Churchill and** **Mr. Roosevelt are preparing the way.**

Von Brauchitsch's Heart **BY THE TIME NAZI SPOKESMEN HAVE** **finished explaining why Adolf Hitler re-** **lieved Field Marshal Walther von Brauchitsch** **of his supreme command of the German** **armies it should be in order for the Herr** **Doktor Goebbels to break the news to an un-** **suspecting—but obviously suspicious—regi-** **mented public that the man who overran the** **Low Countries, the Balkans, and scored the** **early victories over the armies of the Soviet** **Union is really suffering from fallen arches.** **When the Fuehrer himself announced his** **military expert's demotion, however, he** **omitted any mention whatsoever of Von** **Brauchitsch's imaginary or actual ailment.** **That was easy to understand; had he not just** **communed with the astrologers? Of course** **he had; he had heard the "call" from within.** **From this day forward, therefore, he will** **be guided by his intuition, or, as one wag** **has put it, he will forget the music and** **"play" by ear.** Meanwhile, moreover, Field Marshal von Brauchitsch insists he asked to be relieved of his duties because of a heart condition. This may be all right to tell to the marines; but what Hitler ought to fear most now is the effect this published request from the former Nazi generalissimo will have on the rest of his generals who may not feel enthusiastically disposed to dance to a tune that derives its major theme from Hitler's brand of intuition. And what a chance some of Mussolini's deflated generals have to com- plain of cardiac trouble.

Hongkong's Cost **CANADIANS WILL HAVE LEARNED** **with profound regret of the death in the** **fighting at Hongkong of Brigadier J. K. Law-** **son, commander of the Canadian contingent,** **and his senior staff officer, Colonel Patrick** **Hennessy. Both men were seasoned profes-** **sional soldiers of the permanent force; both** **were selected for this Far Eastern task be-** **cause of their special qualifications. Today's** **dispatches from the Orient, moreover, evi-** **dently are preparing the public of this Do-** **minion for news of heavy casualties.** **If any consolation can be extracted from** **the state of affairs in Hongkong, however,** **it will be found in the fact that the men** **from the land of the Maple Leaf, as their** **fathers before them, have added new and** **lustrous battle honors to the proud record** **of Canada's civilian soldiers. The circum-** **stances of the plan for the defence of this** **Far Eastern crown colony, the obvious lack** **of adequate facilities for anything more than** **a costly and all-too-temporary delaying** **action, must remain for the moment in the** **category of "too little and too late." But it** **will not be seriously argued that Canadian** **policy or strategy was responsible for what** **now looks like a lost cause in a vital war** **area.**

A Fine Christmas Gift **TO THOSE WHO CANNOT MAKE UP** **their minds what to buy for a Christmas** **gift we have a suggestion that will put an** **end to their perplexities. It has nothing to** **do with fashion, color, or brand; it is a War** **Savings Certificate for any denomination** **that fits the individual pocketbook. So much** **has been said and written about this form** **of assistance which every individual can** **render to the nation's war effort that little** **now or novel remains for mention here.** **But we can think of no better means of** **cheering the average Canadian than that** **which a gift of this kind represents. It re-** **quires no cogitation, no mental or physical** **gymnastics, to reach a decision. There need** **be no pushing or shoving at a counter at the** **last minute; the procedure is well known,** **because it may be assumed there are precious** **few in this community who have not en-** **rolled in the great and growing army of** **War Savings Certificate proprietors. So** **make up your mind today to buy one of** **these eloquent symbols of a personal de-** **termination to contribute to Canada's all-** **out war effort. What better gift could one** **desire?**

To Curtail Compulsion **ONE OF THE BEST WAYS OF PRE-** **serving our liberties in wartime is to** **anticipate what must be done, and do it** **voluntarily, making compulsion in some re-** **spects unnecessary. Only a little more than** **two weeks of actual war has produced a good** **deal of heart-searching along these lines in** **the United States. Here is a set of injunc-** **tions which already has made its appearance** **in many newspapers:** **"We know that the rubber of Malaysia** **will be cut off by the war. That means** **utmost economy with what rubber we have.** **Don't waste it; don't drive merely to ride** **around. Don't waste gasoline. Don't let** **scrap iron lie around the house or barn un-** **used. There will be need for every bit of it;** **in fact, a shortage looms. Get it to the junk-** **man. Don't waste food. Don't waste any-** **thing. The call will come soon enough for** **restriction, perhaps even rationing. Put it** **off by saving voluntarily. The American** **people are intelligent people, capable of co-** **operating without compulsion. Let's begin** **now."**

Notes **In choosing father's Christmas present,** **make it as light on him as possible.** **How to "enjoy" Christmas in Germany:** **Emphasizing an appeal to Germans not to** **buy Christmas presents because of shortage** **of consumers' goods, the Hamburger Frem-** **denblatt concludes with this quotation from** **Willem Busch, "Abstinence is the enjoyment** **of things we cannot obtain."** **Premier Bracken of Manitoba, now in** **his 20th year in office, is senior among pro-** **vincial Premiers in length of term. He as-** **sumed power August 8, 1922. Until his re-** **irement this month, Mr. Pattullo of British** **Columbia was second with his eight years.** **Now Premier Hepburn of Ontario is in** **second place, having become Premier July** **10, 1934. Premier Aberhart of Alberta is** **third, his term dating from Sept. 3, 1935.** **All the provincial Premiers are Liberals of** **one type or another, with the exception of** **Alberta's Aberhart.**

FACING THE FACTS **From Chicago Daily News** **This newspaper does not believe that our** **air preparations have been put on a fully** **realistic basis. Hitler has a million men in** **his air force—very well, we should have two** **million. Our rate of plane construction must** **be doubled and doubled again, and then quad-** **rupled.** **We do not any longer require planes** **primarily to send to our Allies. We need** **them now for ourselves.** **It is intolerable nonsense to say that this** **land of machines and machine makers can-** **not build enough air machines to rule the** **Pacific, and the Atlantic, too, and in a** **hurry.** **Shortages, however crucial, must not** **delay us. If there is not enough of one** **material, we shall find others to do as well,** **nor can excuses be accepted.** **Meanwhile the logical thing to do is to** **reinforce our air strength in the Pacific from** **existing resources, as quickly and broadly as** **possible.**

Bruce Hutchison **QUEER PEOPLE** **ON THE TRAIN the other day I traveled** **across the prairies with a gentleman** **who had spent most of his life on the Coast** **but later, through the necessities of business,** **had moved to Edmonton. At first he hated** **the place and longed for the soft airs, the** **blossoms and green delights of the Coast.** **But after a year in Edmonton he would never** **think of returning here, and his children,** **who wept at leaving, are confirmed prairie** **dwellers.** **The same experience has occurred to** **others of my friends. Besides, we have as** **evidence of the prairie dweller's love of home** **the series of bitter, libelous and poisoned** **articles by a man named Ferguson in the** **Winnipeg Free Press, attacking me because,** **forsooth, I like the coastal country. I used** **to think that such sentiments were uttered** **falsely by the shivering natives of the plains** **just to keep up their courage in the cold.** **Now I am convinced that they really mean** **it. They do like the prairies.** **Now this would not be important except** **that it directly involves us here and contains** **a serious indictment of our character. For** **the prairie people who have moved from the** **Coast all agree that they like the prairies** **because of the character of the people there.** **The prairie people are better. They all agree** **on that—the prairie people are more friendly** **than we are, more neighborly, more willing** **to share their pleasures, more eager to help** **their neighbors and much more able to prom-** **ote all kinds of community-enterprises,** **sports and entertainments. Thus the Coast** **dweller who goes to the prairies is given such** **a welcome, is so generally entertained and** **has such a good time that he looks back on** **our Coastal cities as cold, callous and intro-** **spective.** **"Why," said my friend from Edmonton,** **"you might live in Victoria for 20 years and** **your neighbor would never say hello to you** **over the hedge. You might live in Victoria** **a lifetime and hardly have a friend. In** **Edmonton you are no sooner in town than** **you have friends all over the place and never** **a dull moment. I suppose it's the climate.** **In Victoria people can stay out of doors on** **their own. In this climate they are thrown** **together inside. The only amusement is** **what we make ourselves and consequently** **we have to make it, and we do."** **TWO CHARACTERS** **THERE IS A DEEP QUESTION of human** **life here, of serious import to the future** **of the nation. For it is clear to anyone who** **has observed them both that two different** **characters—and two different instincts—are** **being developed on either side of the Rockies.** **The economic divisions of this country are** **serious enough, and the great racial division** **still more serious, but now we are going to** **add climatic divisions. The climate un-** **doubtedly is the real cause of this difference.** **The presence of so many English people** **here, with a greater austerity than Cana-** **dians, will not explain the characteristics of** **the second and third-generation Coast** **dwellers, who are as cold as their grand-** **parents. No, it must be something about** **the atmosphere of the Coast that makes us** **chilly.** **Somehow the rain and mist has soaked** **through our skins into our hearts, I sup-** **pose, and our minds are chilled by the pen-** **etrating damp. And when spring comes the** **countryside is so pleasant, the outdoors so** **attractive, that we flee from human com-** **panionship and seek the comfort of** **nature. We don't need human compani-** **ship in the soft months, and even in the win-** **ter there is so much to do out of doors that** **we do not have to devise community en-** **tertainments or seek the company of neighbors.** **FIRST DWELLERS** **YET EVEN THIS does not explain the** **great gulf between us and the hardier** **folk of the plains. I have long believed that** **the explanation goes much deeper into the** **effect of climate on the whole tissue of the** **human spirits. Mind you, it takes time for** **climate to make its full effects felt. Year** **after year must pass, perhaps, century after** **century, to leave its full mark on the human** **character. A man coming here from the** **prairies will not become at once a Coast** **dweller merely because he buys a raincoat.** **But slowly, season by season, the air works** **its subtle changes, the damp penetrates and** **the soft summers smooth off his roughness.** **Thus we must search for more reliable** **specimens than the white people of the Coast.** **We must go back to the original dwellers,** **the Indians, and see how they have been** **affected through incalculable ages.** **The Indians came here from Asia. Some** **came down to this Coast, others went inland** **to the prairies. The Coast Indians became** **soft, quiet, ineffectual and slow. The in-** **terior Indians became fierce, warlike, hard** **and active.** **Without doubt the climate in time will** **have the same effect on us. We are going** **to develop here a soft, quiet, ineffectual and** **slow white race. And some day the hard,** **pugnitive people of the plains will burst like** **a river through the mountains and engulf** **us, for secretly they all want to live here.** **A small trickle already flows through the** **mountains. The flood may come long before** **we expect it. I think I can hear the distant** **rumble of it now and I am terrified.** **Over here it is suggested that people** **eat less for their own good. In some for-** **eign countries it's demanded that they eat** **less—if they know what's good for them.** **Parallel Thoughts** **Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a** **man be born of water and of the Spirit, he** **cannot enter into the Kingdom of God.—** **John 3:5.** **Where soil is, men grow, whether to** **weeds or flowers.—Keats.**

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Typhus Again **By JANE STAFFORD** **Typhus fever, deadly louse-** **borne disease of famine and war,** **may right now be determining** **the outcome of the present con-** **flict.** **A violent epidemic of this dis-** **ease among soldiers and civilians** **in the Baltic states, White Russia** **and other occupied Russian terri-** **tory is described in reports from** **Stockholm.** **This may have contributed to** **the defeat of the Nazi army in** **Russia. It would, however, be** **wishful thinking of a dangerous** **sort to picture a general Nazi** **breakdown and defeat because of** **this.** **Diseases recognize neither in-** **ternational boundaries nor mili-** **tary uniforms. The Russian army** **pursuing the Nazis may in turn** **be slowed down or defeated by** **typhus fever.** **European typhus fever is car-** **ried by lice. Armies entrenched** **on the western front during** **World War I were systematically** **de-loused to protect them from** **typhus. Both Nazi and Russian** **authorities undoubtedly have** **tried this means of protecting** **their armies during the present** **conflict. Delousing soldiers fight-** **ing in the open, instead of in** **trenches, in the dead of the Rus-** **sian winter would be exceedingly** **difficult. It would be as difficult** **for the Russians as for the Nazis.** **The Russians may have the** **advantage of having in their army** **more soldiers who are immune or** **resistant to typhus fever as a** **result of the terrific epidemic in** **Russia in 1923. The Nazis, ac-** **cording to the Stockholm report,** **have been experimenting, appar-** **ently unsuccessfully, with an-** **ty-phus-vaccination. Whether** **Russian scientists have succeeded** **in developing such a vaccine is** **not known. An American vaccine** **against the disease is now un-** **dergoing large-scale tests in South** **America. It is too soon for any** **results, however, to attempt to** **test this vaccine in Hungary** **were frustrated by the outbreak** **of the present war.** **Typhus helped win the last** **World War, according to the** **eminent bacteriologist, H. A. S.** **Zinsser, who devoted much of his** **life to a study of this disease. The** **devastating outbreak in Serbia at** **the beginning of the war kept the** **Austrians from invading that** **practically helpless country at a** **time when a quick thrust through** **Serbia, Dr. Zinsser declared,** **"might have tipped the balance** **in favor of the then very vigor-** **ous central powers."** **OLDEST PUB** **From Birmingham Mail** **With low lattice windows peer-** **ing from beneath overhanging** **timbering, the Old Crown House** **still stands, squat and solid, on** **the site where it was built, in** **High Street, Deritend, more than** **500 years ago. Its massive beams** **interlocked with infinite art, seem-** **ingly for ever, by hands that** **have been dust these many cen-** **turies, the Old Crown remains** **much as it must have appeared** **when first put up in the 14th cen-** **tury. Said to be the oldest exist-** **ing in Birmingham, it flaunts the** **date 1368 on its outer wall.** **In the "Itinerary of England"** **which he made in 1538 in the** **reign of Henry VIII, John Leland** **noted the building as "a fair man-** **sion House of Tymber." Standing** **in the pleasant rural surround-** **ings of those faraway days, the** **Old Crown House, it is said, was** **the mark from which the miles** **out of Birmingham used to be** **reckoned on the milestones.** **To this day the building re-** **mains partitioned into three** **houses, as it was divided in 1693.** **Mr. George J. Hughes, who has** **been the licensee for four years,** **took me over the uneven floor-** **ing of what was once the "gallory** **chamber" where, tradition has it,** **Queen Elizabeth once spent a** **night.** **ABOUT DARING DRESSES** **From St. Louis Post-Dispatch** **Women's dresses are becoming** **more and more daring because of** **the war, announces Dr. Miltox** **Kirkpatrick of the National Com-** **mittee for Mental Hygiene. At** **a time when male soldiers and** **male statesmen are preoccupied** **with the stirring of their wives'** **breast, the sweet and lovely ladies** **are growing frantic for fear that** **they will go unnoticed.** **Maybe so. We hesitate at the** **temerity of contradicting a gen-** **tleman who is connected with a** **committee which seems dedicated** **to lifting minds out of gutters,** **but we just have not noticed much** **in the daring line.** **It must be admitted, however,** **that the girls are designing their** **clothes with an eye to having** **them noticed. Day by day, their** **creations get crazier and crazier.** **Maybe they are slowly working** **up to the daring.**

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Tonight

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Jane Arden-KOMO.
Winston of Navy-KPO.
Adventures-KJR, KGO.
Second Husband-KIRO.
John and Judy-CBR.
News-KOL.
Ranger's Club-CJOR.
Santa Calling-CRWX.
Birthdays-CJVI.
Parker Circus-KOL at 8:15.
Lone Journey-KNX at 8:15.

5:30

Treasure Chest-KOMO, KPO.
News-KJR, KGO.
"Children's Crusade"-CBR.
Don Winslow-KIRO.
Orphan Annie-CJOR.
Captain Munch-KOL.
Trail of Tears-KWIX.
Spent Glens-CJVI.
News-KNX, KIRO at 8:45, 8:55.
Tom Mix-KGO at 8:45.
Bright Eyes-CJVI at 8:45.

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Burns and Allen-KOMO, KPO.
Beverly and Yeo-KIRO.
Second Husband-KNX.
Burst Music-CJOR.
Supper Dance-CJOR.
Ranch Boys-CRWX.
Piano-KOL.
News-KJR, KOL at 8:15.
Musical Highlights-CJVI at 8:15.

6:30

Fiber McGee-KOMO, KPO.
Symphony-KJR, KGO.
Report to the Nation-KIRO, KNX.
Marching Songs-KOL.
Twelve Days and Nights-CBR.
Sports Review-CJOR.
News-CRWX.
News-CRWX, CJVI.

7

Bob Hope-KOMO, KPO.
Miller's Music-KIRO, KNX.
News-KOL, CJOR, CBR.
Rhythmic Strides-CRWX.
On Parade-CJVI.
Spotlight Bands-KOL at 7:15.
R. Tupper-CJVI at 7:15.
Public Affairs-KIRO at 7:15.
Britain Speaks-KOL at 7:15.

7:30

British Show-KOMO, KPO.
Treasure Hour-KJR, KGO.
Gentlemen With Wings-CBR.
Hired, or Song-CRWX.
Juan Arango-KIRO.
Sports Alley-KIRO.
London Stage-CJVI.
Bill Henry-KIRO, KNX at 7:45.
News-CJOR at 7:45.
Southern Song-CJVI at 7:45.

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Fred Waring-KOMO, KPO.
Amos and Andy-KIRO, KNX.
Rhythmic Strides-CRWX.
Trip to France-CRWX.
Nordic House-KOL.
Rhythm Revue-CJVI.
Lone and Abner-KOMO, KPO at 8:15.
Lanny Ross-KIRO, KOL at 8:15.

8:30

Johnny Presents-KOMO, KPO.
Information Please-KJR, KGO.
Mistral-KIRO, KNX.
The Strides-KOL.
Voice of Tomorrow-CRWX.
Special Show-CJOR.
News-CJVI.
Record Album-CJVI at 8:45.

9

This Man Adventure-KOMO, KPO.
Easy Aces-KJR, KGO.
Melody Mischief-CRWX.
We, the People-KIRO, KNX.
Speaking of Books-CBR.
News-KOL.
Sam Hayes-KGO at 9:15.
Hockey-CJOR at 9:15.

9:30

Battle of the Sea-KOMO, KPO.
News-KJR, KOL, CBR.
Dance Music-CRWX, CJVI.
Bob Burns-KIRO, KNX.
Carol Carter-KOL at 9:45.

10

News-KOMO, KPO, CBR, KIRO, KNX.
Buster's Music-KJR.
Concert Hall-CJVI.
Miller's Music-KGO.
Sophisticated Strings-CBR at 10:15.
World Today-KNX at 10:15.
News-KIRO at 10:15.
Starred for Listening-KOL at 10:15.

10:30

Dani's Orchestra-KOMO.
Concert Hall-KPO.
Kent's Music-KJR.
Music Masterworks-KNX.
News-KOL, CJVI.
Becker's Music-CBR.
Organ-CRWX, CJOR.
Music Masterworks-KNX at 10:45.
Old Refrains-CJVI at 10:45.

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Evening Reveries-KOMO.
Buster's Music-KPO.
Moving Words-KJR.
News-KGO, KNX.
Crosby's Orchestra-KOL.
Make believe Ballroom-CRWX.

Tonight's Headliners

5:30-Treasure Chest-KOMO, KPO.

5:30-Children's Crusade-CBR.

6:30-Fiber McGee-KOMO, KPO.

7:00-Bob Hope-KOMO, KPO.

7:15-Britain Speaks-CBR.

7:30-Gentlemen With Wings-CBR.

8:30-Information Please-KJR, KGO.

9:15-Hockey-CJOR.

9:30-Bob Burns-KIRO, KNX.

News-KOL; 5:30-KGO, KJR; 5:45-KNX, KIRO 5:55-KIRO KNX; 6:15-KGO, KOL, KJR; 6:30-CJVI, CKWX; 7:00-KOL, CBR, CJOR; 7:45-CJOR; 8:30-CJVI; 9:00-KOL; 9:30-KJR, CBR; 9:55-KJR, KGO; 10:00-KOMO, KPO, CBR; 10:15-KIRO; 10:30-CJVI, KOL, 11:00-KGO, KNX; 11:45-KOL, KPO, KGO; 11:55-KNX, KJR, CBR, KIRO.

Carol and Yeo-CBR, KIRO.

Paris Time-CJOR.

Public Affairs-KNX at 11:20.

11:30

Organ-KOMO, KPO.
Gibson's Music-KNX, CBR.
Whitman's Music-KJR.
Easy Listening-KIRO.
Heidi's Music-KOL.
News-KOMO, KOL, KPO at 11:45.
News-CBR, KJR, KNX, KIRO, CKWX, CJOR at 11:55.

Tomorrow

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Polynesian-KOMO.
ML Neighborhood-KNX.
News-KGO, KIRO, KOL.
Sunrise Program-CRWX.
Victoria Salute-CJVI.
News-KJR at 7:15.

7:30

Havellie Roundup-KOMO, KPO.
KOL, CBR, KNX, KIRO, CJOR, CJVI.
Breakfast Club-KJR.
News-KOMO, KPO at 7:45.

8

Radio Parade-KOMO.
Everyman's Chapel-KJR.
Breakfast Club-KOL.
Treat Time-KNX, KIRO.
EBC News-CBR, KIRO.
London News-CRWX.
News-KIRO at 8:15.
War Commentary-CBR at 8:15.

8:30

Breakfast Serenade-KPO.
Prescott Presents-KJR.
Lion Hounds-KGO.
News-KOL.
Front Line Family-CBR.
Breakfast Club-CJOR.
Betty Crocker-KIRO, KNX.
Paul Robinson-CJVI.
News-CRWX, CBR at 8:45.

9

Dream Girl-KOMO.
News-KOL, KJR, KPO.
Kate Smith-KNX, KIRO.
Big Sister-KIRO at 9:15.
Good Morning Neighbor-CRWX.
News-KGO, CJVI at 9:15.

9:30

International Kitchen-KPO.
Organ-KGO.
Stories from Life-CBR.
Heavenly Music-KNX, KIRO.
Toby and Bessie-CRWX.
Top Tunes-KOL.
Ted Steele-CJOR.
Our Old Sunday-KIRO at 9:45.

10

U.S. Navy Band-KOMO.
Vance and Lila-KJR, KGO.
News-KOL.
Life Beautiful-KNX, KIRO.
Happy Gang-CBR.
Laff Parade-CJVI.
Woman in White-KIRO at 10:15.
News-Johnson-KOL at 10:15.

10:30

Bachelor's Children-KOMO, KPO.
For Our Lifetime-CBR.
Breakfast at Brad's-KGO, KJR.
Front Page Farrell-KOL.
Right to Happiness-KNX, KIRO.
Dance Music-CJOR.
Needle's Notebook-CRWX.
Peter McGee-CJVI.
News-CJOR at 10:45.

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Light of the World-KPO, KOMO.
Kay Cook-KJR.

War in Pacific Brings Conscription Here Nearer

By ELMORE PHILPOTT

The spread of war into the Pacific, with torpedoing of ships 30 miles off our western coast, has pretty effectively demolished the myth that there can be any effective defence of Canada as separated from the waging of the war against aggression wherever that can best be done.

Other developments which make Canadian conscription an early probability: Gallup poll which shows that 72 per cent of all Canadians favor the principle of compulsory selective service as against 20 per cent definitely opposed to the principle.

The U.S. after two weeks of war has gone far more on an all-out war basis than we have gone after more than two years. The new U.S. draft law takes in every male from 20 to 44, as and if required, and for service anywhere in the world. It will be politically impossible, both from the internal and international aspect, for Canadians to continue with the half-and-half conscription plan, while our neighbor is on an all-out basis. The U.S. is a good neighbor. But the U.S.

can be a very tough neighbor, on occasion.

More potent than all these reasons, perhaps, is the fact that much delay in enacting a full conscription law will do the very thing which some of the pussypoos have talked about with such horror—create a dangerous state of national disunity.

There is no greater fallacy than the idea that we can only remain a united people if those in favor of fighting an all-out war consent to keep step or mark time with those few Canadians who are still as isolationist in their basic thinking as were Lindbergh and Wheeler before the Japs shot them into line.

FORESTALLING REBELLION

The Gallup poll substantiates the conclusion drawn from my own recent observations in Quebec—that there is no material difference on this matter between the thinking of French Canada and the English-speaking Canada. Those who are in favor of fighting this war—and the percentage is somewhat lower in Quebec than elsewhere—are in favor of doing whatever is necessary to fight it.

Moreover, there is no sincere

difference between the Liberals and the rest of Canadians. The good party people—those who play the party game according to the rules—have been content to keep mum; if not, follow MacKenzie King. But they have done plenty of talking in private.

Last week they began to speak in the open. Ralph Maybank, M.P. for Winnipeg, and Mr. Godbout's provincial treasurer were two who spoke out bluntly. I heard from the president of one Liberal association in western Canada that one Liberal cabinet minister who recently spoke against conscription would definitely not get the nomination at the next election, if he failed to land in the Senate meanwhile.

So my bet is that conscription is coming and soon—probably camouflaged a bit in name but not in fact.

Therefore, this seems a good time to remark that when it does come it should apply the U.S. principle: It should include everybody resident in Canada, unqualified as well as naturalized, and native-born British subjects. Those foreigners—and there are many of them—who laugh at this whole war should not be allowed to take over the jobs from which fit men are called. The foreigners, too, should be compelled to serve.

If any of them have genuine scruples against military service

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they could be accorded the same treatment as our own conscientious objectors. These latter are doing a fine job of extending the trans-Canada highway through bleak northern Ontario. There is plenty of room there for more helpers. It would be a good place for any Japanese of doubtful status.

Christmas shoppers prove frequent offenders of parking regulations. Fourteen motorists were fined \$2.50 each in city police court today for over or improper parking.

White Gift Service

The annual white gift service was held Sunday morning at the Sunday school of the Japanese United Mission when a large number of gifts were presented for distribution to needy families. Miss Ryan of Chemainus, a former missionary to Japan, was the guest speaker.

The annual Christmas entertainment of the Sunday school will be held on Boxing Day at 2 instead of 7:30 as previously arranged at the Mission, Pandova and Quadra. The public are cordially invited to attend.

I WILL HONOUR CHRISTMAS IN MY HEART AND TRY TO KEEP IT ALL THE YEAR. I WILL LIVE IN THE PAST, THE PRESENT AND THE FUTURE . . . THE SPIRITS OF ALL THREE SHALL STRIVE WITHIN ME. I WILL NOT SHUT OUT THE LESSONS THAT THEY TEACH.

from
"A CHRISTMAS CAROL"
by CHARLES DICKENS

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Oak Bay Wants Early Bus Start

The Oak Bay council at a meeting Monday decided to forward to the Blue Line Taxi and Transit Co., a letter of V. J. Baines, suggesting an earlier morning bus for the Oak Bay run. The extension of the service would receive, the letter contends, the support of men in the services, who have to leave early to catch an Esquimalt street car, and members of the Times staff, who have earlier hours.

The council unanimously endorsed a resolution of the Corporation of Penticton calling for the completion of the Hope-Princeton highway as a necessary alternate route to the southern interior.

The resolution suggests the present transportation system, confined to the Fraser Canyon, might be endangered by war, leaving the east isolated.

A letter from H. Anscomb, Minister of Mines, Trade and Industry, offering his assistance to the council in any matter dealing with provincial affairs, was ordered received and filed. The council tabled a communication regarding skating rink regulations until it receives further information. A communication regarding an unsatisfactory septic tank on Foul Bay Road was referred to the municipal clerk for a full report.

A petition demanding the construction of pavement with curbs upon Burdick Avenue from Musgrave to Nottingham was referred to the committee of the whole. The municipal clerk told the council the number of signatures on the petition was insufficient.

Rever Woodhouse expressed his regret at the loss of Councilor Leo Grogan, who is retiring. The council welcomed Alexander Peden, councillor-elect.

Light, protective armored clothing is one item on a recent war department list of inventions that would be welcome.

Some kinds of shrimp are so big that they may weigh three pounds.

Well Done, Faithful Servants



Mayor McGavin, right, says goodbye to Bob Dewar.

Alderman R.A.C. "Bob" Dewar said farewell to the City Council Monday. Alderman S.H. "Stan" Okell said au revoir. Mayor Andrew McGavin and members of the council wished Alderman Dewar happiness and contentment in his retirement and Alderman Okell success in his military duties and an early return to the council circle.

To Alderman Dewar the mayor presented an attractive and comfortable Cogswell chair from the corporation and a smoking stand and accessories from his colleagues on the council. To Alderman Okell he presented an in-



"We hope to see you back," he tells Stan Okell.

scribed silver tray and pitcher from his fellows on the civic body.

Alderman Archie Wills, opening a round of tributes and expressions of good-will, stated the loss to the council of two aldermen was the first in his time on the civic body.

"Both men were former star athletes. Bob Dewar was outstanding on the lacrosse field. He has always stood for those things that were clean and decent," Alderman Wills said.

He referred to the help Alderman Dewar had accorded all members of the council and his

serious loss.

Alderman B. J. Gadsden expressed regret over losing Alderman Okell and Alderman Dewar from the council, declaring them both personal friends and men of great value to the city.

Similar remarks were made by Alderman D. D. McTavish who thanked his colleagues for the kindnesses they had shown him and referred to his early association with the retiring aldermen.

Alderman P. E. George told the council he was not prone to copy anyone, but had found good reason to follow closely the activity of Alderman Dewar and Okell to learn how to guide himself in the administration of public business.

All aldermen extended seasonal greetings to their fellows, to the mayor and civic employees.

"I know I'll lose a colleague of great value," Mayor McGavin stated as he addressed Alderman Dewar. "His advice has always been sound and sane. He did his work willingly and well. He is a man who has always been fair and reasonable, a man who had the courage of his convictions."

"Alderman Dewar, we'll miss you," he concluded as he expressed hopes the alderman

City Approves Bonus for All

Bonuses for all civic employees, effective Jan. 1, 1942, were approved by the City Council Monday. The motion covering the issue did not specify the amount to be paid or the manner in

which it was to be allocated. It did, however, set forth that the \$5.50 a month given this year to employees receiving \$125 a month and less should carry over until the new bonus was fixed and would apply on any cost of living payments arranged by the 1942 council.

Alderman Archie Wills proposed an amendment which would have favored in principle payment of civic bonuses, continued the existing \$5.50 a month to the \$125 and under class and provincial and federal governments to determine what action they were taking. His move, he said, was aimed at providing a scheme fair both to the employees and taxpayers.

HOPE FOR RETURN

To Alderman Okell the mayor voiced the hope conditions would release him at the end of the war to return to the council. He had the ability and the youth to aspire to the mayoral chair, he continued as he paid tribute to the alderman's performance of duty and wished him well.

Alderman Dewar expressed embarrassment at the tributes accorded him, referred to the ups and downs through which the city had passed while he was an alderman and hoped it would continue to enjoy the improvement in conditions which had occurred during the regime of Mayor McGavin.

"If I have contributed anything to the well being of the city of Victoria, that is all that matters to me," he said. He paid tribute to the staff, the council and all associated with civic business.

Alderman Okell, in lighter vein, expressed appreciation for the courtesies extended to him, noted the sincerity of purpose which guided all members of the council and declared he would maintain his interest in civic affairs even though no longer an alderman. He, too, joined in a tribute to the staff and extended seasonal greetings to them, the mayor and aldermen and their families.

Set No Policy On Land Sales

The City Council Monday sold 620 Seaford Street on the recommendation of the lands committee. The action forestalled any declaration of policy reserving from the sales lists premises tenanted by dependants of servicemen.

A statement of policy on the question had been sought by Alderman R. A. C. Dewar, lands committee chairman, last week. The action was taken after the council had heard aldermen's opinions to the effect rent control regulations would prevent a new owner from throwing a tenant onto the streets.

Alderman W. H. Davies stated the prospective purchaser of the Seaford Street house had assured him he would be subject to rent control regulations as discussion on the question opened. Alderman Ed. Williams had previously moved to table the issue.

Alderman J. A. Worthington presented a motion "we do not dispose anyone on active service."

CHANCE TO HELP

"These boys are fighting for Gadsden held it should not be presented in a way which permitted such action.

Alderman Worthington proposed the finance committee's recommendation be taken into consideration by the 1942 council. Alderman Ed. Williams called for action.

Alderman S. H. Okell voiced opinion all should get bonuses and Alderman Morgan noted the first proposal did not specify a figure and that bonuses could be staggered.

The finance committee's recommendation was finally approved.

us and this is a chance to do something for them," he added.

Alderman Williams contended tabling the question would create no hardship, but Mayor Andrew McGavin called for action, saying the proposed purchaser had virtually given a guarantee the occupant would not be turned out.

"If the city sells this property, it has nothing to do with an eviction. It is simply a matter of a tenant dealing with another owner," Alderman Dewar held as he pointed to the seriousness of declining a sale and the precedent that would be established.

The same policy covered the subdivision approved by the council last week, Alderman W. L. Morgan remarked, adding sales frequently entailed the interests of service men.

Tourist Prospects For 1942 Hopeful

Reporting to Hon. Herbert Anscomb, Minister of Trade and Industry, W. A. Macdonald, field representative of the B.C. government travel bureau, who returned

Monday after a 10-week promotion tour through the prairie provinces and Ontario, said an increasing volume of travel from the prairie and eastern provinces is an excellent prospect in the early months of 1942.

Mr. Macdonald presented the winter vacation attractions of British Columbia's Fraser Valley, Vancouver Island, through the medium of kodachrome motion pictures and travel talks before 59 organized meetings to audiences that totaled over 26,000 persons.

"The tremendous growing interest in the mild climate on the coast of British Columbia as a place to spend the winter and early spring months was indicated by the fact that service clubs, women's organizations, travel bureaus, colleges and senior high schools, in addition to the officers and staffs of the transportation companies at all centres visited, flocked to capacity meetings to see the motion pictures and learn of the year round outdoor vacation activities possible on Canada's Pacific coast," Mr. Macdonald said. "I find that many of these people are already here to spend the winter and spring months with us."

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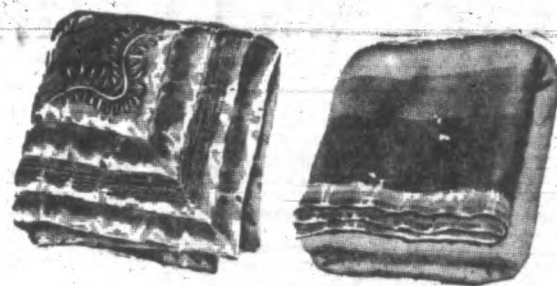
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Social and Personal

Captain John K. Kelly has arrived from Debert, N.S., on a short visit to his home here and will leave again for the east on Boxing Day.

Miss Peggy Bartle has returned from her teaching duties near Albert to spend the vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. Bartle, Island Highway.

Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Robertson and little son, Leslie, of Port Renfrew, arrived Sunday to visit Mrs. Robertson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Massey, Langford.

Miss Verna Taylor, Vancouver, is spending the Christmas vacation at the home of her father, J. F. Taylor, "Strangholme", Langford.

Mrs. Bruce Bracken, wife of Lieut. B. Bracken, R.C.N.V.R., has returned to her home in Winnipeg to spend Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert S. Ramsay.

Word has been received from Manila of the safe arrival there of Mrs. H. E. Harris and her little niece from Shanghai. They are staying at the Congress Hotel. Mr. Harris is staying in Shanghai.

The Misses Sylvia Wright and Joan Hodgson, both of the teaching staff of York House School for Girls, Vancouver, are spending the holidays at their respective homes here.

Mrs. J. S. Hargrave, accompanied by her two children, Elizabeth and Denis, arrived today from Vancouver to be the guests of her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Wylie, Foul Bay Road, for Christmas.

Dr. and Mrs. T. A. Rickard have taken up residence in their new home, "Little Harbor," Barnard Lane, formerly known as "Hill Haven," the home of the late Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Hill.

Mr. Hardy Morden is expected from Vancouver on Christmas Day to spend the holiday with his wife, Mrs. H. Morden, and sister, Mrs. Gordon Hunter, at their home, 327 Belleville Street.

Mr. Alan Mayhew, who is in training at the air force training school at Regina, accompanied by his wife and little daughter Anne, will arrive in Victoria tomorrow to spend Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Mayhew, the Uplands.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles F. Earle, Joan Crescent, have staying with them for the Christmas holidays their sons, Mr. Wallace Earle, who is attending Queen's University, Kingston, Ont., and Mr. John Earle, who is at the University of Toronto.

Coming home from the interior of B.C. to spend Christmas with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. T. O'Grady, St. Charles Street, are Mr. Terence O'Grady of Kimberley and Miss Peggy O'Grady, who will arrive from Vancouver on Christmas Eve.

Dr. and Mrs. W. N. Cunningham, Lansdowne Road, the Uplands, left for Vancouver Monday afternoon to attend the wedding in the mainland city this evening of their son, Captain Alex. H. Cunningham, C.D.C., to Miss Margaret Jean Galloway.

Messrs. Gerry Watson, Ian MacKenzie, Kenneth Beattie and Norman Little, who are attending the Aero I.T.I. at Los Angeles, Cal., together with Mr. Tom Clark, who has just completed his course, returned to Victoria Sunday from the south to spend Christmas at their respective homes.

Mrs. Melvin Davis of Montreal has arrived at the Empress Hotel for a stay of indefinite duration.

Mrs. L. B. Sweet has returned to Vancouver after visiting her sister, Mrs. F. E. Doidge, Bowker Place, Oak Bay.

Mrs. Olga Wilson of Toronto is home from the east to spend about a month with her father, Mr. A. Sturrock, Cavendish Avenue.

Mr. W. Lyle, Menzies Street, left for Vancouver this afternoon to attend the marriage tomorrow of his daughter, Miss Margaret Lyle, to Mr. Norman Fugher. Miss Betty Lyle will leave on tonight's boat for the wedding of her sister.

Miss Ellen Purves has arrived from Kamloops, where she is on the teaching staff, to be with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Purves, Dunedin Street, for the holiday season, and to attend the wedding Saturday of her sister, Miss Ina Purves, R.N., to Mr. Chas. F. MacNaughton.

Mr. H. E. Sellars and his daughter, Miss Barbara Sellars, have arrived from Winnipeg to spend Christmas with his son and daughter-in-law, Surgeon-Lieut. Edward A. Sellars, R.C.N.V.R., and Mrs. Sellars, and during their stay are guests at the Empress Hotel.

In compliment to Miss Florence Jones, popular bride-to-be, Mrs. James Walker and her daughter, Miss Margaret Walker, entertained at their home on Beechwood Avenue recently, presenting the guest of honor with many handsome pieces of Pyrex ware. A lighted Christmas tree and poinsettias and lighted tapers on the tea table lent a festive appearance to the drawing-room. The invited guests were Mesdames E. Jones, H. Simpson, E. West and the Misses Anna Anderson, Dorothy Bell, Margaret Cook, Alice Craig, Helen Gilliland, Winnie Graham, Mary Loudoun, Jean Phillips, Kaye Stone, Edna Watkiss and Lorna Wilson.

Miss Ina Purves, R.N., whose marriage to Mr. Chas. F. MacNaughton will take place Dec. 27, was the guest of honor when her sister, Miss Jean Purves, and Mrs. C. M. MacNaughton, mother of the groom-elect, were joint hostesses at a kitchen shower held at the latter's home, Hollywood Crescent, Monday evening. The rooms were gay with seasonal decorations, and a large illuminated Christmas tree, and on their arrival the bride-to-be and her mother, Mrs. F. W. Purves, were presented with corsage bouquets of red carnations and greenery. Because of the bride-elect's association with the north, she having nursed at Dawson and Mayo, Y.T., the gifts were presented in novel fashion, being piled on two sleighs, drawn by one of her former classmates, Miss Margaret Walker, and Mrs. MacNaughton also showed a number of interesting pictures taken during his sojourn in the north. Super was served from a table centred with three illuminated Christmas bells on a centrepiece of greenery, with lighted red tapers in Christmas holders, Mrs. Brocklebank and Mrs. F. W. Purves presiding. The 25 guests also included the bride-elect's sister, Miss Ellen Purves of Kamloops, Mrs. W. E. Strachan and the Misses Dorothy and Sheila Strachan, Mrs. Rupert Wickson, Miss Mary Wickson and the Misses Nell Edwards and Ellen Springfield, in addition to the bride-elect's fellow-graduates of the 1938 class of the Royal Jubilee Hospital.

Sixty men from Macaulay Point and Bay Street Armories were entertained at supper and program in the Y.W.C.A. clubrooms Sunday by members of Chapter E of the P.E.O. Mrs. Walter Laing was the convener, assisted by Mrs. M. R. Pearce, Mrs. T. E. Mackie and Mrs. Stanley Okeil. Mrs. John Cough arranged the program, the following taking part: Mrs. J. Bullock, vocal selections, accompanied at the piano by Miss Doreen Briggs; Miss Marie Vowles, violinist; Miss J. Vowles at the piano. Miss Charlotte Crawford led a rousing sing-song, with Mrs. J. Bullock at the piano. Mrs. S. J. Willis was responsible for the beautifully decorated table, a color scheme of red and silver being used throughout. Large bowls of holly centred the table which were flanked by red tapers in silver candelabra. Members of the chapter acting as hostesses were: Mrs. P. D. Scourrah, Mrs. A. Sullivan, Mrs. J. Watson, Mrs. F. McLenaghan, Dr. O. Jardine, Mrs. E. Peden and Mrs. H. Pendray. Mrs. F. Dumbleton and Mrs. G. D. Christie, presided at the urns, assisted by Mrs. A. S. Lock and Mrs. M. MacLachlan. Daughters and friends of the members entertained the men from the two units. In the absence of Mrs. W. C. Fyfe, the president of the chapter, Mrs. S. J. Willis gave a cordial welcome to the men.

Ronald Kenwyn Named

Ronald Kenwyn, well-known Vancouver newspaper man, has been named field representative of the Wartime Prices and Trade Board in the Vancouver area. He will be attached to the office of William Dowry, prices and supply representative, in Vancouver.

A Semnole Indian woman may wear 25 pounds of beads in the chains that encircle her neck from chin to shoulders.

Spirit of Serbian Heroine Lives On

LONDON (CP)—One morning as the sun broke suddenly over the Serbian hills, the slim form of a woman melted before the volley of a German firing squad.

It was that of Marie Simitch, 30-year-old dental surgeon, who had led numerous guerrilla raids to play havoc with the Nazi forces attempting to "mop-up" Serbia's mountainous areas.

As a courageous fighter she had done much—probably more than any other of her countrywomen—to harass vindictive foe of her little country. And now she lay crumpled before an execution squad.

But the memory of this brilliant, athletic woman will not collapse as suddenly as did her poorly-clad body before the Nazi rifles. In the mountains the spirit of Marie Simitch lives and fights with the peasants she had molded into powerful bands of fighters, even though equipped mostly with antiquated weapons.

This is the latest word brought from Serbia by Dr. Sekulic, who reached England after a daring escape from German infested territory.

The followers of Marie Simitch still are fighting with Colonel Draca Mihailovitch in the Serbian mountains where they are reputed to be holding back seven German divisions, according to Dr. Sekulic.

And they will go on fighting for Mihailovitch has sworn there can be no surrender, no negotiations as long as "one German remains in our land."

They will fight, too, to revenge the death of Marie Simitch, who led her little guerrilla bands through forests to the main railway line between Belgrade and Nish. There they ripped rails from their sleepers, sabotaged, wrecked, plundered German equipment and supplies.

For this job she had been chosen personally by Mihailovitch, and she never failed. Then came that early morning the Germans trapped Marie Simitch and had her shot on the spot.

New Post Office For Santa Claus

SANTA CLAUS, Ind. (AP)—Santa Claus is going to bring a Christmas present to Santa Claus—a new \$10,000 post office building. Milton Harris, who operates a toy village in this tiny town which has achieved world-wide fame because of its name, says the post office will be built with funds raised by private individuals.

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It's Not So Merry, But It's Christmas

By RUSSELL LANDSTROM

LONDON (AP)—Britain's third Christmas of the war is so far removed from the holiday traditions of this land that every thing Dickens wrote about the season seems wishful romancing.

But if the season is not what it used to be, the people at least join wryly with Dickens—whose name is so closely identified with Christmas in England—and say they might as well "put a good face on the matter; thank God it's no worse."

This is a Christmas of deep concern over the future, of anxieties over absent ones, of seemingly interminable sacrifices and curtailments—at least on the part of many.

It is a Christmas of clothes rationing; of shortages of food and liquor and other things; of the black market; of exhortations not to travel, not to smoke too much, not to give tobacco for Christmas, not to burn too much fuel.

Candy and oranges for the children are carefully apportioned; housewives have been guarding portions of mince meat and fruit in order to make pies, cakes and puddings. Turkeys

cost \$6 to \$12, considerably more than twice what prices used to be. All along the line you need twice as much money as before—for such things as leather cases, purses, umbrellas, writing sets and sewing outfits. Toys are scarce and expensive.

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Tickets for the Snow Ball are on sale at the Empress Hotel, the Owl Drug Store, and from members of the Solarium Junior League.

Plated silverware, ordinarily susceptible to tarnish, can be made stainless by a method recently patented.

P.P.C.L.I. Children Await Santa



These kiddies were eagerly awaiting the arrival of Santa Claus when the Times cameraman dropped into the Christmas party given by the Woman's Auxiliary to the P.P.C.L.I. for the children of the regiment Monday afternoon. The party was held at the Y.W.C.A. and although the stormy weather kept some of the expected little guests away, those who attended had a merry time, thanks to Santa, impersonated by Mr. T. Butcher, and Ernest Crookford, who amazed them with his magic. Mrs. J. T. Harper, Mrs. J. N. Edgar and Mrs. R. L. Mitchell were general

conveners. Mrs. A. Mainprize had charge of the tea, which was served from tables festive with Christmas decorations, and Mrs. Norman Sabiston and Mrs. C. F. Laurence had charge of the candy bags. Mothers whose children were unable to attend the party are asked to phone Mrs. R. McVie, 63218.

Hospitals and Homes Plan For Yule Despite Blackout

Despite the clouds of war touching this side of the Pacific, Christmas plans to bring comfort and cheer to the ill, the aged and infirmed and the children of Victoria go on apace, many willing hands busily making decorations and wrapping gifts to make the Yule spirit shine through for those confined to the various institutions in the city.

Restrictions are placed to some extent on the scope of decorations done in previous years, as "blackout" and air raid regulations have to be taken into consideration. However, this does not curtail the traditional ceremonies which will be enjoyed to the full.

DAUGHTERS OF PITY

Marking the beginning of festivities was the gay party held in the children's ward of the Royal Jubilee Hospital Monday afternoon. Each child was provided with a gift by the Daughters of Pity, who sponsored the event, and a special treat of ice cream and cookies. Decorations throughout the hospital have been limited because of the war threat, and in place of the usual 50 or more trees provided by the hospital's Junior Auxiliary, one large tree will be placed in the Nurses' Home and another in the Pavilion. Festoons of greenery will decorate the corridors. Gifts have been provided for the public ward patients by the Junior Auxiliary, the Canadian Club, the Jubilee Alumnae and the Red Cross Society and the Florence Nightingale Chapter.

CAROL SINGERS

Monday evening the annual nurses' Christmas party was enjoyed in the Nurses' Home, members of the board of directors being generous hosts to the "girls in white." Tonight carol singers will visit all wards of the hospital. The choir will comprise 45 nurses, especially trained for the occasion by Miss Dorothy Colquhoun and Miss Cecile Walker, instructors in the teaching department. Christmas Day at 6 a.m. communion service will be held by Rev. F. Comely in the hospital. Later in the day the gift presentations will be held and specially-prepared dinners enjoyed, Yuletide favors decorating the

offers until the last minute, when they will know how many will be in the establishment. Some men will go to their homes up-island, and on the mainland for Christmas, which will be a disappointment to many generous hostesses with whom they had already accepted invitations. However, the lads are eager to take a "rain check" on the offers.

Wilhelmshaven Bombed

LONDON (CP)—The German port of Wilhelmshaven was attacked by R.A.F. bombers Monday night. The raid was carried out without loss of a single plane, an Air Ministry communiqué said. However, the loss of two planes on patrol assignments Monday was announced.

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panied by Miss Audrey Mills, health, sent greetings to the department and her thanks for the gift of a bird's-eye maple lamp, a presentation from the senior girls' department in appreciation of her work with them during the past three years. Regular club meetings will resume Tuesday, Jan. 6.

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Yule Festivities for All

Turkey and Trimmings For Troops' Christmas

While you are sitting down Thursday to the traditional festive board, groaning with its load of roast turkey with all the trimmings and perhaps an added touch of festivity that gurgles when it is served, shed no tear for the lonely sailor, soldier or airman—forced to spend Christmas Day in barracks. He at the same time will be sitting down, not to hardtack or bully beef but to:

- Hors d'oeuvres
- Shrimp Cocktail
- Soup
- Consomme
- Piece de Resistance
- Roast Turkey
- Dressing
- Gravy
- Potatoes
- Brussels Sprouts
- Sweets
- Christmas Pudding
- with
- Brandy Sauce
- Hot Mince Pies
- Dessert
- Fruits and Candy
- Beverages
- Bottled Beer
- Mineral Water
- Tea, Coffee or Milk

That is the exact menu for the R.C.A.F. men at Patricia Bay and is almost a duplicate of those at other barracks.

When, incidentally, the menu says brandy sauce, it means just that, and under the beverages item the beer is neither root nor ginger.

Perhaps nothing can replace the cheery fireside of a home nor the succulence of home cooking. The generous hospitality of

Victoria citizens will make this possible for thousands of servicemen here from all across Canada but there are hundreds of servicemen who will have to remain in barracks on duty and for them, the authorities have done well.

As will be seen above, the Air Force men are likely to be well satisfied with their fare Thursday. Similarly, the army and navy are looking after their own. Here is the menu for soldiers this Christmas:

- Hors d'oeuvres
- Fruit Cocktail
- Main Course
- Roast Turkey
- Dressing, Cranberry Sauce
- Sweets
- Hot Mince Pie
- Ice Cream
- Assorted Favors
- Beer or Mineral Water
- Tea or Coffee

SURPLUS OF TURKEY
One interesting feature of the army's Christmas dinner is the fact that there will most likely be a lot of turkey left over. Idents have to be sent in for portions for the full detachments but as many of the men have been invited to private homes in Victoria possibly only half of the full strength will remain in barracks. There will, however, not be many complaints if cold turkey or turkey hash remains on the menus for a few days.

NO MORE INVITATIONS PLEASE
Victorians opened their hearts and houses for Christmas with such generosity to men of the services away from home, the message "no more invitations, please," went out from every camp.

Most of the men are asked in pairs, some just singly, but one

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Allies Hold Down Atlantic Losses

LONDON (CP)—"The Battle of the Atlantic is going pretty well," a British official said today.

No figures were given, but he said the reduced level of British shipping losses was being maintained.

He said a combination of catapult fighter planes and fighter protection from shore bases, together with escorting ships and anti-aircraft guns on the ships themselves, had "gone far to reduce our losses and increase those of the enemy."

He added the use of heavy warships against surface raiders also had contributed to the reduction in Allied losses.

A British war factory pays for its laundry bills from the oil it recovers by washing greasy waste, rags and overalls.



HIS EMPLOYEES GET THE WORKS—The 160 employees of the Elliott Addressing Machine Co. of Cambridge, Mass., probably got the nicest Christmas bonus of any workers in the U.S. 51 per cent of the company's stock, worth about \$430,000. "I can't take this stock with me when I die," reasoned President Harmon P. Elliott, above, as he gave the bonus.

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CHRISTMAS CRACKERS, with assortment of fillings, box, 35c to..... **2.00**

GOLD BAND WINES—Ginger, Port or Cherry, large bottle..... **50c**

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CANADA DRY GINGER ALE, pints, dozen..... **1.72**

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Cups and saucers, salad plates, hors d'oeuvres trays, covered butter dishes, sugar and cream sets, relish dishes.

at 50c

Salad bowls, syrup jugs, jardiniere, bonbon dishes, cake plates, ash trays and vases.

at 75c

Vases, novel chinaware animals, bonbon dishes, salad bowls, cups and saucers.

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Hostess trays, vases, relish dishes, salad bowls and jam and marmalade dishes.

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Sports Mirror

By PETE SALLAWAY

VICTORIA Bapcos have filed the first protest in the new Coast Hockey League. And from reading the rules looks like they have a good chance to win it. If they do, Nanaimo Clippers will lose a couple of points for that 2-1 victory over our boys. We understand the Nanaimo club is anxious to replay the game but rules of the Canadian Amateur Hockey Association clearly state such a protest, if allowed, means awarding of the points. Those two points will mean a lot to Bapcos.

There will no doubt be a number of people who think the Bapcos should not have protested. Although we agree a club should earn its points on the ice and not in the committee room there is another side to the case. Bill Phillips, manager of the Nanaimo Clippers, has been in hockey long enough to know the rules. He was fully aware three of his players had been handed match penalties and were not eligible to take the ice. When a team deliberately breaks the rules it should suffer some penalty. Such action cannot be condoned and Bapcos would have been foolish to close their eyes and allow Clippers to get away with such a move.

Feeling between the players of the respective clubs will certainly not be improved by the latest action. Speaking to Manager Temple of the Bapcos today he remarked: "Guess we will have to wear steel helmets the next time we play in Nanaimo."

Visiting the Willows Arena Saturday night we witnessed just what can be accomplished towards the development of a smart, young hockey team by hard work and patience. We refer to the Durol Raiders.

Smart Hockey Game

Navy Defeats Army

One of the finest hockey games seen at the Willows Arena. That was the general opinion among the fans who Monday night watched the Navy defeat Army All-Stars 4 to 2 in an exhibition game. Calibre of hockey was good and it was unfortunate the tilt failed to attract a better house.

It marked the first time the undefeated Navy pucksters have been extended since the season started. And the Army lads really forced the sailors to work for the victory. The Army went into the last period all-even with their opponents and it was two goals in the last 20 minutes which decided the victor.

Face was fast throughout the 60 minutes. There was never a dull moment and members of both clubs were quite willing to throw their weight around with the result some good stiff body-checking was seen at times. The Army club, playing together for the first time, would prove a good club with the advantage of more practice.

Navy turned in their usual smart performance with their clever passing plays being a treat to watch.

TAKE EARLY LEAD

Sailors lost no time taking the lead Jim Keough finding the Army net at 4:39 on a pass from Glen Richardson. It was a low shot that caught the corner of the cage. Play raced back and forth the length of the ice and at the 19:06 mark the Navy went ahead 2 to 0 on a score by Richardson.

With the opening of the second period the Army took complete control of the play. After 38 seconds soldiers marked up their first goal, Wilson taking a pass from Younger-Lewis to beat Billy Sutherland in the Navy net. McKenzie brought the house down when he tied the score with a long shot that glanced off a player's stick into the net at 15:11.

Third period was pretty much all Navy, although it was not until the 14:30 mark that Fred Ritchie gave them the lead with a low shot that caught the corner. Billy Gibb registered the final counter for the Navy at 15:47 on a pass from F. Ritchie. The Army missed good chances for goals when two of their players were right through on Sutherland but

junior squad entered in the Commercial League. These youngsters made their first appearance on the ice and surprised everybody by taking the favored Yarrows squad into camp.

For a new team the kids displayed a lot of class. They played a system, flashed some pretty combination and most important of all, showed the result of first-class coaching. True, the youngsters made a number of mistakes but gave them time. They will iron out the wrinkles and before the season we look for the Raiders to have a sweet hockey machine.

Entire credit for this junior club belongs to one man—Will Cook. This Winnipeg boy, transplanted in Victoria via Minneapolis, has done a grand job. Starting out about two months ago with a lot of green material he has molded together a group of youngsters who have only one ambition—to play hockey. The boys are kept as mustards and their enthusiasm is such to make any coach's heart glow.

Cook rules the youngsters with an iron hand. He tells them what to do and they do it without a word of protest. And if hard work will make hockey players then Will should develop some real stars. The youngsters played Saturday night and were out for a stiff practice Sunday morning.

Strange part of it all is the pleasure Will derives from coaching the juniors. "You know I'm having more fun handling this team than I ever got playing hockey," he said. "I'm really working for something with this club and you see, before the season closes I'll have these kids playing before a packed arena."

Lucky Football Fans



Spinners will not be confined to Georgia and Texas. Canadian football teams in Miami's Orange Bowl game on January 1. Little lady above is Muriel Smith, acrobatic drum majorette of the University of Miami band.

Mack Happy on 79th Birthday

PHILADELPHIA (AP)—Conlie Mack, baseball's most beloved character, was 79 years young today. As spry and enthusiastic as ever, he figures he has accumulated the "makings" of a great pitching staff for his Athletics as a birthday present for himself.

Seated in his tower office at Shibe Park, his eyes glowed as he picked up a team roster. "Yes," he said, "It's taken longer than I thought, but now I feel I have the makings of a great pitching staff. You know it was the lack of pitching that kept us down last season."

Thus did Mack, who developed such twirlers as Rube Waddell, Herb Pennock, Lefty Grove and Chief Bender, put the stamp of approval on Fred Caliguri of West Hickory, Pa., Russell Christopher of Ft. Richmond, Calif., Dick Fowler of Toronto, Luman Harris of Birmingham, Phil Marchildon of Penetanguishene, Ont., and Russell Wolf of Williamsport, Pa.

"They've got it," he explained. "Then, too, don't forget Jack Nott, German Bease and Bill Beckman. They should help a great deal."

The team leader of the Athletics, soon to start his 58th year in baseball, isn't claiming a pennant, however. "Too many things can happen during the present emergency although he feels the war will aid baseball, rather than hamper it."

"We can't go around with sad faces," he asserted. "We must be cheerful sports, do a great deal to keep up morale. During the last war the 1918 season was curtailed, but later we thought it was a mistake."

NEWARK—Tippy Larkin, 137; Garfield, N.J., outpointed Carmine Fatta, 134, New York (8).

Frigid Blocker



Frankie Bromsek, shown above, continues to play his dead-end brilliant goalkeeping for Boston Bruins in the National Hockey League.

Norvans Beat Clippers

VANCOUVER (CP)—Vancouver Norvans seem to have broken the jinx that rode with them during the first few weeks of the Pacific Coast Amateur Hockey League's current season.

They came from behind here Monday night to take a 4 to 3 decision from Nanaimo Clippers and move to within a point of Clippers in third place in the league standings.

Only three points now separate them from the first-place New Westminster Spitfires who have 13 points. Victoria Bapcos are in second place with 12 and Clippers have 11.

Clippers have a chance to move into a tie with Spitfires tonight, however, when they meet the New Westminster squad on the latter's home ice.

Clippers opened the scoring when Jimmy Neilson netted an assisted after seven minutes of play. Norvans tied it up five minutes later on a goal by Art Schuman on a double assist by Red Beattie and Ursaki.

Nanaimo forged into a two-goal lead early in the second frame on goals by Neilson and Smith.

Ursaki cut Clippers' advantage to 3 to 2 at the halfway mark of the period on a pass from Beattie who followed less than a minute later with the tying goal.

Wally Peters scored the only goal of the final period at the eight-minute mark to give the Norvans squad the decision.

LINE-UPS
Vancouver—Horne; Barker, Barnoski; Beattie, Ursaki, Schuman. Subs: J. Smith, Peters, B. Neilson, McQuade, Bonnevill.

Nanaimo—Mac Beattie; McPherson; N. Smith; Stanley; Mann; Phillips. Subs: Hoppus.

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Two Commercial Hockey Battles

Leadership of the Commercial Hockey League will be at stake Friday night when Will Cook's Durol Raiders and Ted Menzies' James Bay hook up at the Willows Arena. The clubs will meet at 10:45, immediately following the Coast League fixture between Bapcos and New Westminster.

In the opening games last week Durols turned back Yarrows while the Bays marked up a victory over the Eagles.

Saturday night at 7 the Eagles and Yarrows will battle, with each club after its initial victory.

Ruggers in Final Practice Tonight

Final practice of Victoria's McKelvie Cup rugby team candidates will be held tonight at Macdonald Park at 7, regardless of weather conditions.

Immediately following the workout Manager Bob McInnes and Coach Sid Gaunt will select the team to oppose Vancouver Repe here on Boxing Day. The match is scheduled at Macdonald Park for 2:30.

Calgary Takes Ice Hockey Leadership

RED DEER, Alta. (CP)—Calgary Stampede moved into first place in the A.B.C. Senior Hockey League Monday night by downing Red Deer Buffaloes 4 to 1 before 1,200 fans.

The "victory" gave them 13 points, one more than Lethbridge Maple Leafs, pacesetters since the season opened. The game was originally scheduled to be played here Nov. 26 but because of poor ice conditions was postponed.

TURKEY GOLF

In turkey competitions held over the week-end at local golf clubs Syd Jenkins was the winner at Gorge Vale with a net 71; J. M. Wright and Hugh McKenzie being the victors at Uplands with net scores of 65 and 67, respectively, and A. D. Macey, J. Reed Palmer, Don McDiarmid, Frank Thomas, J. D. Palmer and Mrs. A. E. Williams winning at Colwood. In the special Red Cross competition at Colwood, A. D. Macey, J. Simpson and Russ Dunnett were the winners. They will play off for a special prize on Dec. 28.

HOWIE MORENZ JR. TOP ICE SCORER

OTTAWA (CP)—Howie Morenz Jr., star centre of the University of Ottawa of the Junior Inter-scholastic Hockey League, is leading the league's scoring race with 14 points, the league announced today.

One of the one-time famous National Hockey League star, Morenz totaled five goals and nine assists to give him a two-point lead.

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BREAK OF YEAR

As evident as a Christmas necktie is the opinion of United States sports editors that Mickey Owen's miff of a third strike in the 1941 World Series was the sports freak of the year.

Almost without exception the critics designated the Brooklyn catcher's failure to hold the ball as the year's zaniest—and perhaps, most costly—sports boggle. Had Owen captured Hugh Casey's low pitch the New Yorkers would have been retired and the Dodgers would have won, 4 to 3, as the incident happened in the ninth frame with two out. That would have leveled the series at two games each.

Great Boston Sniper Two Points Up

MONTREAL (CP)—Boston's Bill Cowley was back on his familiar perch atop the National Hockey League scoring column today, official figures revealed.

With 22 points made up of 17 assists and four goals the smiling Bruin playmaker had a two-point margin over his nearest rival, Bryan Hextall of New York Rangers, who showed a total of nine goals and 10 assists.

With 18 points each, Lynn Patrick of Rangers and Gordie Drillon of Toronto Maple Leafs, last week's leaders, shared third place. However, Patrick's 11 goals gave him the lead in this department. Hextall's nine goals were the next best showing.

The league's "bad man" was Jack Stewart of Detroit, with a total of 36 minutes in the penalty box.

GAMES TONIGHT

Time was when a game between New York Rangers and Boston Bruins was something to start every sports department telephone in the country buzzing with requests for scores. Now it's just another hockey game, slightly better than average.

Toronto has taken Rangers' old position as co-star with Boston. But tonight Rangers and Boston will be back in business at the old stand—Boston—and the game has its importance. Boston holds a slim one-point lead over Toronto at this reading, with Rangers five points back of the Bruins in fourth place.

Rangers are one point behind the third place Chicago Black Hawks, who meet Brooklyn Americans in New York tonight.

Individual scoring records follow:

Player	G.	A.	Pts.	Min.
Cowley, Boston	4	17	21	4
Hextall, Rangers	9	10	19	10
Patrick, Rangers	11	7	18	10
Drillon, Toronto	10	8	18	0
Watson, Rangers	6	11	17	15
Anderson, Americans	12	5	17	26
Thomas, Chicago	7	9	16	4
Bauer, Boston	6	11	17	6
Apes, Toronto	8	7	15	6
Worman, Boston	9	10	19	10
March, Chicago	8	12	20	10
Abel, Detroit	9	10	19	10
N. Colville, Rangers	3	11	14	634

Lakes Filling Up

Recent heavy rains are doing much to fill lakes from which Victoria derives its water supply. Ernie Macdonald, water works superintendent, announced today. Sooke Lake was filled in September and the Goldstream Lakes are rising nicely, he said. Last year there was insufficient precipitation to fill the latter, but a good supply was assured for 1942, the official added. He noted work on the Goldstream main has been completed as far as Burtlett Ave. and will be finished by the end of the year.

THE WEATHER

On account of any of this information be transmitted by radio—5 p.m. meteorologist in charge.

VICTORIA, 8 a.m. today—A severe cold, with heavy rain and strong winds, is expected during the night. It gave heavy rains and cold on the coast during the last 24 hours and light to moderate snow in the interior. It has become cloudy over the western prairies but is fair elsewhere.

Victoria—Barometer, 29.86; temperature, max. 47, min. 35; wind, 10 miles W.S.W.; precip. 0.1; cloud, 2 miles W.W.; precip. .02; cloudy.

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	Max.	Min.
Victoria	47	35
Nanaimo	46	34
Vancouver	47	35
New Westminster	46	34
Prince Rupert	41	27
Dawson	31	17
Katloola	31	17
Prince George	31	17
Kelowna	26	20
Penticton	40	25
Vernon	27	20
Nelson	34	28
Grand Forks	38	28
Kamloops	39	21
Edmonton	19	3
Prince Albert	21	4
Saskatoon	25	4
Winnipeg	24	4
Toronto	27	23
Ottawa	27	9
Montreal	13	2

Hockey Standings

NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE					
Team	W.	L.	D.	P.	Pts.
Boston	11	3	0	0	22
Toronto	12	3	0	0	24
Chicago	9	3	0	0	18
Rangers	10	3	0	0	20
Detroit	8	5	2	0	18
Americans	8	5	2	0	18
Canadians	4	12	1	0	9

COAST LEAGUE					
Team	W.	L.	D.	P.	Pts.
N. Westminster	1	1	0	0	2
Vancouver	6	4	0	0	12
Nanaimo	5	7	0	0	10

Picard Winner With Low Score

HARLINGEN, Tex. (AP)—Henry Picard of Oklahoma City won the \$5,000 Rio Grande Valley open golf tournament Monday with a 266 total for 72 holes of play, 18 under par.

Steady, straight-shooting Picard beat off a great rally in the final nine holes by E. J. (Dutch) Harrison of Little Rock, who finished second with a 268.

Picard, who shot a 131 for the first two 18-hole rounds, carded 66-69-135 Monday. Harrison finished the first two rounds five behind Picard, and on the final rounds fired a 64-68-132.

Fred Corcoran of the P.G.A. said Picard's score was the lowest for 1941, but the record low was set by Craig Wood in 1940 with a 264 in the Metropolitan open at Bloomfield, N.J.

Harrison drew even with Picard on the 65th hole. Picard went two strokes ahead on the 69th, gained another on the 70th. On the last hole Harrison picked up a stroke with a birdie when Picard had a par.

DEMARET THIRD

Jimmy Demaret of Detroit finished strong with a great 65 to win third place. His total was 269.

Jack Timm of Houston won top honors for amateurs with 289, followed by John Derr of Raymondville, Tex., with 297. Byron Nelson of Toledo, carded a 66 for 271 and fourth place, and Little Benny Hogan of Hershey, Pa., slipped to a 69 on the final 18 for a tournament total of 272 that gave him fifth place.

Racehorses Must Pay Heavy Income Taxes

WINNIPEG (CP)—Few people know it, but racehorses pay more "income" taxes than humans do. Provincial and federal treaties took more than 20 per cent of racehorses' earnings at Canadian tracks in 1941—about \$2,000,000, said R. James Speers of Winnipeg, honorary secretary of the Prairie Thoroughbred Breeders and Racing Association.

"Every Canadian thoroughbred horse was responsible for contributing an average of \$1,000, each to the government treasures," he said.

The collections were \$2,136,363 in part-mutuel taxes—a 5 per cent cut each to provincial and federal administrators—plus a 20 per cent admission tax at tracks after July 1, 1941.

Purses won by the thoroughbreds totaled \$1,073,625.

BALTIMORE—Holman Williams, 155, Detroit, and Loula (Kid) Cocoa, 147, New Haven, Conn., drew (10).

CHICAGO—Nate Bolden, 163½, Chicago, outpointed Jacob La Motta, 164, New York (10).

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Saving

Air Raid Insurance Being Considered

J. V. Johnson, president of the Chamber of Commerce, received a reply from Ottawa today on the chamber's request for some form of federal air raid insurance on this coast, saying the problem was being investigated.

The letter was from R. K. Smith chairman of the committee on war risks insurance and bombardment compensation, who said the committee had held two meetings last week to discuss the question. Mr. Smith said the British and other plans of war-time property insurance had been studied.

Saanich to Have Two-way Radios

The Saanich Municipal Council, holding its last meeting of 1941 under the chairmanship of retiring reeve, L. H. Passmore, made a recommendation to be given to the Police Commission, that three two-way radio units be installed in municipal cars, two in police cars and the other in the fire chief's auto.

This action was taken as a result of a letter from M. F. Hunter, city clerk, asking that Saanich give its requirements so they could be placed the costs of the total equipment that will be purchased for the greater Victoria area. Each of these mobile sending and receiving radio units will cost \$650.

The council had been in favor of such installations earlier. Reeve Passmore commented, "It is something we should have at this critical time."

Major A. J. Yardley, on behalf of the residents of Richmond Road, appealed to the council for installation of street lights at five points on that thoroughfare.

He mentioned that earlier in the year the council had agreed to pay their half the purchase price if the residents of Richmond Road collected the other half.

Fear that the prices quoted by the B.C. Electric Railway Company six months ago, might now be higher, prompted the council to delegate Councillor John Watson and municipal engineer H. H. Allen to interview the company with a view to getting the lights. Both the reeve and Councillor Watson said they saw no objection to the placing of these lights, and thought that the work could be done early in the New Year if the price was not too high.

Cheques, totalling \$170, were received with thanks by the council from the Saanich Municipal Employees' Ball Committee. These amounted to \$100 for the Solarium, \$10 for the Fair Bridge Schools, \$40 for the Christmas Cheer Fund and \$20 for old people and the Saanich Health Centre. Ten dollars was received from Lionel Taylor of Saanichton for the Saanich Christmas Fund.

The council authorized the calling for applications for the position of municipal building inspector, these to be received by Jan. 4.

A letter from Mrs. O. F. Mills, 2877 Inlet Avenue, complaining of the condition of that road, will be answered. The matter was taken up by the council and is under consideration. A letter of thanks from the Cloverdale unit of the Red Cross was received and filed.

The resignation of Reeve Passmore as Saanich director on the Jubilee Hospital Board, was accepted with regret.

At the end of the meeting Reeve Passmore thanked the council for its co-operation during his term of office.

"I would like to thank you all for the courteous treatment you have given me in my term as reeve," he stated, as he said goodbye to the council.

Councillor E. C. Warren mentioned, in reply, that in his eight years on the council there had never been more harmony within that body as there has been under the chairmanship of Reeve Passmore.

A university professor of business education figures that the average business letter costs 60 cents, in dictation, typing, supplies and overhead.

Picturesque Hongkong Hears Tramp of Jap Boots

Hongkong, now being stubbornly defended by Canadian and British troops from savage Japanese attack, is one of the storied and most picturesque spots in the Orient.

About 800 miles south of Shanghai and 800 miles north of Manila, Hongkong is famous for its Peak and its teeming Chinese quarter, which sprawls along the waterfront.

Deep-sea liners in happier days docked at Kowloon, a mile across the magnificent landlocked harbor from Victoria, which is on Hongkong Island. The city of Victoria, however, is never mentioned—it is just called "Hongkong."

Travelers from the Occident leave their ships in Kowloon and take Star ferries across the harbor. The trip takes about 15 minutes. The waterfront on Hongkong side is big and busy; there are fine buildings close to the water—luxurious hotels, great banking houses, stately parks.

The place is full of sweating coolies and stores that display exotic wares—silks and ivories, jade and gold embroidery. The stores nearly set tourists mad, there is so much you can't buy elsewhere, and it is all so cheap.

Great curving streets, something like London's Regent Street, lead into the Chinese quarter. There all is hustle and bustle, confusion, noise and smells. From the waterfront the streets terrace uphill—there are steps and all day long and most of the night the Chinese run up and down them, chattering, arguing, trading. Washing hangs from house to house.

One of the terraced streets is Thieves' Alley, where you may bargain for hours and come away with all sorts of curios, which you are pretty sure have been stolen. It is said that if you ever lose any personal belongings in Hongkong, and suspect it was stolen, go to Thieves' Alley the next day and buy it back.

Like all cities of the Orient, Hongkong has luxury and squalor side by side; snobbishness and a half-fellow-well-met attitude. Old China hands are there by the dozen; so were young couples from America and England, who loved the gay life and the general thrill of life in the east, despite its heat and its smells and its diseases.

It is believed there are comparatively few Canadian civilians now in Hongkong. At one time there was a large colony, but in recent years they have been gradually coming home. Since the Japanese first started on the rampage, life in Hongkong had not been so pleasant; war was believed always "around the corner." Those Canadians that could, and most of the English, except the old China hands, left. Old China hands are never happy except in China. They would rather die violently in China than live in peace anywhere else in the world.

Three other members of the destroyer's crew—Chief engine room artificer Roy Smith, P.O. Steward N. Taylor and L.S.R. Foulks all of Victoria, also have been awarded the medal.

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The harbor of Hongkong, strategic British possession in China and goal of Japanese offensive. In the foreground is Victoria, capital of the colony. Kowloon peninsula in the background has fallen to Nipponese.

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The Peak is Hongkong's most famous landmark. It runs almost straight up from the waterfront, and on top are many fine homes and the ancient, rambling Peak Hotel. From the top of the Peak the view is breathtaking, indescribable—you look across the busy harbor to the rolling hills of China, you look to sea, over Repulse Bay, towards Haas Bay, and you see literally hundreds of Chinese junks, with red and blue patched sails.

DIZZY TRAMWAY

The world's dizziest tramway runs to the top of the Peak. The rails are so steep you feel you might tumble right out of the car and land head first in the middle of the harbor. Newcomers and tourists always hang on at first. The great mansions that terrace up the rocky side of the Peak take on crazy angles as you go up and down.

Victory soldier workshops' chief

SOMEWHERE IN ENGLAND (CP)—Assigned to the air defence of Great Britain, four Canadian light anti-aircraft regiments are on duty in the south of England and one is manning guns along the Thames estuary.

With the R.A.F. carrying its devastating offensive to the Germans now, "neck-and-neck" gunners have few enemy planes to deal with, but in the past few months several Canadian batteries have been in scattered actions. They are officially credited with downing one bomber.

Any invasion attempt on Britain probably would be launched with intense round-the-clock bombings of the capital and roads in the south. If this ever comes, the Canadians will be in the heaviest of the anti-aircraft action.

From headquarters in a rambling Georgian manor house, a Calgary lieutenant colonel commands the Canucks on the estuary, whose post is the most important of any of the regiments. Eventually this regiment will operate with the 1st Canadian division but now it is getting valuable experience in the British anti-aircraft command.

One battery comes from the Yorkton, Sask., and is commanded by Major C. R. McCullough of Regina.

At headquarters, Capt. R. W. Reville of Brantford is adjutant. The workshops which maintain guns and vehicles are in charge of Lieut. T. C. S. Robinson of Victoria. Capt. A. Hurlig of Edmonton is the medical officer.

The Canadians are established on a self-contained basis on each gun sight, cooking their own meals and living in Nissen huts for the most part. They man Bofors guns, heavy naval anti-aircraft guns, and numerous types of lighter weapons.

In vulnerable parts of the south, other Canadian gunners are defending airfields, munition plants, aircraft factories and dockyards and harbors against Nazi air raids.

submitted to him some time ago, to relieve me of the leadership of the army on account of a heart ailment.

"Soldiers!

"Nearly four years I have, as your commander-in-chief, led the best army of the world. These years comprise for Germany a multitude of the greatest historical events and for the army the greatest military successes.

"I look back upon this period with pride and gratitude. I am proud of your achievements and thankful for your faith.

"Great tasks have been solved, great and difficult tasks still are ahead of us.

"I am convinced that you will solve these also.

"The Fuehrer will lead us to victory. Let your determination be as hard as steel and look forward.

"Everything for Germany!"

(Signed)—Von Brauchitsch, field marshal. Army headquarters, Dec. 19, 1941.

When Hitler announced Sunday he was taking personal command of the armies he made no mention of the deposed field marshal's "heart trouble," but said his act was dictated by "an inward call," and that he (Hitler) was "following his intuitions."

He also spoke of the interdependence of military, political and economic factors as a reason for assuming supreme command.

Cmdr. H. N. Lay Receives Cross

OTTAWA (CP)—The Polish Cross of Valor was presented to a Canadian fighting man Monday night for the first time in the history of Polish-Canadian relations.

Poland's second highest award for bravery was given to Cmdr. Horatio Nelson Lay of Victoria, B.C., by Victor Podolski, consul-general for Poland, in a formal ceremony at the Polish Legation.

Cmdr. Lay commanded H.M.C.S. Restigouche which transported a number of Polish soldiers from France to England during the evacuation of Dunkerque.

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quarters—and is director of naval operations. His chief, Navy Minister Macdonald, was present at the ceremony.

"This ceremony symbolizes the brotherhood of arms which now exists between the Poles and Canadians," Mr. Podolski said. "I consider it a happy omen that the first Cross of Valor to be awarded a Canadian should go to one with the name Horatio Nelson Lay. Linked, as it is, with the fighting blood and traditions of the great force you serve."

Cmdr. Lay replied that the Restigouche and her crew were only doing "our ordinary job."

"It was our good fortune that in doing it we were able to have the honor of bringing away from Dunkerque some of our gallant allies," he said.

Commander Lay is a son-in-law of Mrs. Duncan E. Campbell, Linden Avenue, Victoria.

Children's Posters Displayed at Ottawa

OTTAWA (CP)—Age of the artists ranges from five to 18 years, the use of color differs and so does the calibre of workmanship, but the theme is constant in 400-odd British posters now on exhibit at the National Art Gallery—"Save to Defeat Hitler."

Fifty thousand school children submitted posters in a competition to stimulate war savings in the United Kingdom. The Royal Academy in London displayed 1,500 of the best and from these the exhibition now in Canada was selected. Among the drawings here are several Royal Academy prize-winners.

Officials at the National Gallery emphasize the clever combinations of catchlines with drawings. One of the most striking considering age of the artist, they said, was the prize-winning poster with the line: "But a mite is a great help in national savings."

Colored in orange, blue, green and grey tones, this poster by Gordon Stevens, 12-year-old Surrey boy, depicts a small child pushing energetically behind a man shoving a large roller. It won first prize at the academy in the 11 to 15-year group.

City Council Answer Protest From Esquimalt

The City Council Monday received and filed Esquimalt's complaint against the city's action in seeking A.R.P. supplies for Victoria and Saanich and not including Esquimalt.

That course was taken on a motion by Alderman Archie Willis who also proposed that Esquimalt be informed the request had been made for Victoria and Saanich only since those were the only two centres under the city's A.R.P. jurisdiction.

Oak Bay's letter calling on the city for action to increase fire protection in the Willows Fair Grounds by supervising more carefully the parking of cars near hydrants was referred to the B.C. Agricultural Association for immediate action.

Complaints of the Canadian Congress of Labor over allegedly inadequate street car service particularly on Nos. 2, 4 and 6 lines during rush hours was received and a copy forwarded to the B.C. Electric Railway Company Ltd. with a request for a reply.

The council approved payment of a \$320 food allowance Christmas bonus to relief families and \$120 extra to single jobless. The payments will entail expenditure of about \$700 of which the province will pay 80 per cent for city cases and 100 per cent for provincial cases.

J. M. Stansby, senior clerk in the welfare office, was granted leave of absence to serve with the R.C.A.F.

Four applications for sick pay for members of the city engineer's outside staff were approved.

Scotland Preferred By Boys on Leave

Capt. James A. Bennell, Royal Canadian Ordnance Corps, who for many years before joining the forces was on the staff of the Royal Trust Co., sends from England hearty greetings and good wishes for Christmas and the New Year to his many friends here. Mrs. Bennell and her children reside at 1891 Beach Drive.

"Here's hoping the next Christmas will see us all together again and this war at least a thing of the past," Capt. Bennell says in a letter to a friend.

"A few impressions of over here: The blackout is difficult but the boys roll the trucks with an uncanny sense with only pin points for lights. Eats, although limited in quantity and variety, are good and everyone has enough. London, although busy still, is not the same and the near ruin of St. Paul's Cathedral and parts of Westminster Abbey, not forgetting areas of stores and streets, leaves its mark. But the Britisher carries on and at ready rebuilding has been completed in some spots.

"Leave is a bright spot in our boys' lives and a large number, in fact the majority, go to Scotland and all report a grand time.

"Everyone not in the services is doing some kind of war work and believe me, one halts when a home guard holler and sticks a Bren gun in your ribs, because the real bullets he has in the magazine. The air force boys are the predominant heroes, but the silent navy men get around and with the merchantmen are extremely well thought of. Our corps is very much in evidence and one meets new faces every day. With all the waiting and intensive training the boys are fit and happy."

McKechnie Cup Rugby, Vancouver vs Victoria, Macdonald Park, Boxing Day, at 2.30. ***

Speed Promised On City Radio

Speedy action on Victoria's priorities application for two-way radio equipment, when the proper forms have been filled out, was promised in a letter from W. E. Uren, deputy priorities officer, to the city Monday.

"We assure you we shall be very glad to follow this matter through for you as soon as we receive particulars of your order," the letter said in part.

It had previously recommended acquisition of Canadian equipment if possible.

A similar letter was also received from A. A. Walker, assistant director general, priorities board.

All ex-Scouts in H.M. forces are invited to a party to be held in Scout Headquarters, 1034 Johnson Street, Dec. 27 at 8.

W. L. Morgan received a permit from the city building inspector's department Monday for \$1,600 clubroom additions to the Doane Building, Douglas Street. Another permit issued to the Royal Trust Co. Ltd. covered \$500 alterations to the sixth floor of 809 Government Street.



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The City Hall will not close until 5 tomorrow afternoon for the Christmas holiday, it was announced today. Offices will be closed on Boxing Day but will be reopened for business Saturday morning.

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day morning until noon as usual. The hall began to take on its festive air again today with evergreen decorations lining the main corridors and offices. They will remain in place until after the annual reception New Year's Day.

There will be more trouble from indigestion than communicable disease this Christmas, Dr. Richard Felton, city health officer, forecast following a survey of conditions in the city.

Blackout Fighter On Good Behaviour

Hugh Theophilus Simmons, Jamaica-born negro, found guilty in city police court Monday of assaulting Fong Chow, was ordered released on bond of \$100 for good behavior in court today.

A fight arose over whether the landlord, Fong, or the tenant, Simmons, was responsible for the blacking out of lights, Dec. 9.

"I tell 'im blackout tonight," said Fong. "He punch me on nose," Fong insisted Simmons opened the attack.

Simmons said Fong was annoyed at him because he burned too much light and, having grabbed him by the arm, pushed him along the passage to his room. There Fong took the light from the socket and smashed it on the floor, Simmons said. The negro said he hit the Chinese only after he had been kicked twice.

In view of the fact the Dean of Columbia has testified to your character," Magistrate H. C. Hall said, "I have arranged to release you on \$100 surety of good behavior for the next six months."

Ray Johns and Samuel Esler, charged in Esquimalt court Monday with driving in a manner dangerous to the public, were each fined \$25 and their licenses suspended for one month. G. J. Eaton, appearing on a similar charge, was fined \$20 and his license suspended for one month.

TOWN TOPICS

St. Mark's Church will hold its annual Christmas concert in the Parish Hall Saturday at 7.30. During the evening there will be a visit from Santa Claus.

Children of the Sacred Heart parish at Lake Hill were entertained at a Christmas tree party in the Lake Community Hall, the Catholic Women's League being in charge of the arrangements. Mr. Arthur Webb acted as chairman, and Mrs. L. S. Heather, president, was general convener. The program opened with a brief address by Rev. Father T. Mangin, after which Santa Claus made his appearance with gifts for the children. After singing by a junior choir, under the leadership of Miss Code, the church organist, a recitation, "The Night Before Christmas," was given by Mrs. Webster. Ice cream and cake was then served to the children, and tea to the members of the parish.

Art a Mo Party Plays at Colwood

The Art a Mo Concert Party entertained the Dufferin and Haldimand Rifles at Colwood camp with one of its usual breezy and versatile programs. Motion pictures were shown by Dick Colby. Contributors to the program were: Bobbie Lea, Joe Leatham, Geo. Pinnington, Sgt. Pete Saville, Walter Dan Russell, Dave Skerchly, Freddie Graham, Al Harman and Joe Dobble.

During the evening the orchestra played several selections. It was composed of Reg. Myra, C. Ferris, Jim Watson, Alf Ford and Joe Seatham.

Sgt. Pinnington was property man and the technicians were Kim Campbell and Bill Holman.



SGT.-OBS. E. H. ROBINSON is home on leave. The youngest son of Dr. and Mrs. Alexander Robinson, 1900 Argyle Road, Sgt.-Obs. Robinson taught at west coast schools and at University Boys' School, Victoria, before joining the R.C.A.F. last February. The leave is also a honeymoon for Sgt.-Obs. Robinson, for he was married to Helen Isabel Routledge, daughter of Lt.-Col. and Mrs. W. H. Routledge, Monday.

Canada's Oil Output

OTTAWA (CP) — Canada's October production of crude petroleum and natural gasoline totaled 871,491 barrels, compared with 878,782 in September and 817,536 in October last year, the Dominion bureau of statistics reported today.

In the first 10 months of this year production totaled 8,370,963 barrels, compared with 7,986,161 in the corresponding period of 1940, the report showed.

To Sell Assets

TORONTO (CP) — Lake Sulphite Pulp Company Limited, now in liquidation, announced negotiations are proceeding to sell the company's assets to Edmonton Pulp & Paper Company Limited. The plan must have the approval of the Lake Sulphite creditors and the sanction of the Supreme Court of Ontario.

The principal assets of Lake Sulphite consist of the uncompleted mill at Red Rock, Ontario, certain accounts receivable in cash, the issued capital stock of Nipigon Corporation Limited and the pulpwood concessions held under agreement from the Ontario government.

Raid on Rangoon

TOKYO (Japanese broadcast recorded by AP) — Japanese planes made a mass raid on Rangoon this afternoon, bombing the airfield, hangars, wharves, railway station, government offices and barracks, it was announced today.

Several British combat planes were destroyed after witness the destruction of part of the city, the announcement claimed.

No Seizure Planned Of Jap Timber Lands

Japanese-owned timber tracts and other natural resources in this province are entirely the concern of Ottawa, officials of the B.C. government pointed out today.

Timber and such resources as mines which are owned by alien Japanese — not born in Canada and not naturalized by Canada — are subject to seizure by Ottawa authorities just as is property owned by other enemy aliens.

Natural resources owned by Canadian-born or naturalized Japanese are not subject to seizure unless it is suspected they are being used to help the enemy.

The B.C. government in recent years has been refusing to sell Crown timber lands to all Japanese although there has been no legal status for doing so. But all Japanese requests to purchase timber have been turned down by the government although private interests have continued to sell to Japanese.

If any alien Japanese bought timber or mines they were doubtless careful to transfer registration to Canadian-born or naturalized Japanese.

The same applies to several small sawmills operated by Japanese at several isolated coast ports.

Fishing boats owned by Canadian-born Japanese are being held because they could be used to help the enemy, and it is more difficult for the police to keep their eyes on hundreds of scattered boats than on timber lands or sawmills.

Japanese interests once owned a large mine at Sydney Inlet on the West Coast of Vancouver Island. In recent years, however, this has become deserted and is now falling into the water.

Reports have been current also that the Japanese built a large landing field on timber lands they owned in the isolated regions of the Cowichan district, but this story has been pretty well discounted, following police survey.

There are large timber areas and some mines on the Queen Charlotte Islands owned by Japanese but they are known and are under constant survey.

Union Recognition

Union recognition has been recommended for employees of Contractors' Supply Sales.

Door Company of Vancouver by an arbitration board set up under the Industrial Consolidation and Arbitration Act, it was announced today by the B.C. Department of Labor.

A majority of the employees are members of the International Woodworkers of America and they asked recognition of the union as the sole bargaining agency. The company refused, this, offering to recognize a properly constituted committee of the employees.

Because of the Dominion government's wage ceiling order, the board was unable to deal with employees' requests for higher wages and overtime, in excess of eight hours a day. Working hours were left the same—eight hours a day, five days a week, four hours on Saturday, a total of 44 hours a week.

Victoria Aviator Interned in Eire

Sgt. Guy Duncan Fowler of Victoria is reported as interned in Eire in the latest R.C.A.F. casualty list issued from Ottawa today. No records of Sgt. Fowler are available here but his next of kin is listed as his mother, Mrs. G. D. Fowler, whose address is shown as 1830 Davis Street.

Printers and others in Nova Scotia were the first workers to organize trade unions in Canada.

Premier Hart Back

More A.R.P. Help Is Promised by Ottawa

VANCOUVER. Premier John Hart said he today on his return from Ottawa where he conferred with Dominion government officials that the \$15,000 already allocated by the federal government for air raid precaution work in British Columbia should be regarded only as "an initial grant to help defray the cost of organization."

Attorney-General R. L. Maitland, who accompanied Premier Hart to Ottawa, will not return to the coast until tomorrow. He is conferring with Oil Controller G. R. Cottrell in Toronto.

Premier Hart said he was "con-

Visitors Arrive For Christmas

Holiday visitors started to trickle into the city today, and there was a general air of briskness around the hotels as the staffs got into Yuletide stride.

Despite the coming of the war to the Pacific, it is apparent from the hotel registrations that the volume of Christmas business will be maintained.

"We expect at least 250 visitors from the United States, and approximately 600 people will eat their Christmas dinner at the Empress on Thursday," said J. K. Hodges, manager of the Empress Hotel.

William Clark, manager of the Dominion Hotel, told the same story.

"Business on the whole is good, and we expect many visitors from Vancouver and up-island points," he said.

Warren Martin of the Strathcona Hotel, also spoke optimistically of the Christmas business.

The Yuletide festival is being observed with its customary glamour, at the Empress Hotel, with costumed carolers roaming the corridors, and Elizabethan-period banqueting.

First Christmas visitors to arrive today from the United States were two Portland girls, Alecia Alexander and Sarah Stiles, eager for the celebration. There have been some cancellations, of course, due to the war shadow, but today and tomorrow will see Americans thronging across the border to join in the hands-across-the-border celebration.

Eastern Canadian visitors arriving today to spend the holiday in the city were: L. E. Skinner and his daughter, Dorothy Skinner, of Toronto; H. E. Sellers of Winnipeg, and his daughter, Miss B. Sellers, and Frank J. McIntyre of Toronto and Mrs. McIntyre.

"People are a bit scared in the east, but we figure this is just about the safest place as any, where in which to enjoy the Christmas holiday," said Mr. Skinner. "The Pacific war seems a long way off, as yet."

Victorians Safe In Orient Hotspots

Mrs. John Piercy, Cook Street, has received two cables in recent days from her son, George Piercy, that he and his wife and two children are safe and well in Singapore. Mr. Piercy is with Syme, Darby & Company.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Lawton have advised the former's mother, Mrs. E. Lawton, Balmoral Hotel, that they are safe and well in Manila. Mr. Lawton is with Marsden Trading Company and his wife is employed at Nicholls airfield, which has been heavily bombed.

Dr. James Anderson, son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. Alex Gillespie, "Leasowes," Fairfield Road, is in Hongkong as is Mr. Gillespie's brother Ronald, who is with Imperial Chemicals. Mrs. Anderson and her children are in Victoria.

Major P.-R. M. Wallis, manager of the Confederation Life in Shanghai, is well, according to a cable received at the company's head office in Toronto and related to relatives here. Mrs. Wallis and their children are in Victoria.

Gloves are mentioned as an article of apparel in the oldest of historical documents.

To avoid local jealousies British battleships built during the duration of the war will not bear place names.

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DOUBLE FUNERAL

A double funeral, with full air force honors, will be accorded the remains of Sgt. John Cunningham Gunn and A.C.I. Robert William Adams, both of the R.C.A.F., who lost their lives at Nanaimo Bay, Dec. 15. The cortege will leave the Sands Mortuary Chapel Wednesday afternoon at 2 for Royal Oak Burial Park, where Flight-Lieut. H. F. McDonald, R.C.A.F. chaplain, will conduct graveside services. Sgt. Gunn, who was 32 years of age, was born in Scotland, where his father, James Thompson Gunn, survives him. A.C.I. Adams was born in Edmonton 20 years ago, where he leaves his mother.

OBITUARY

CAMPBELL — Word has been received from Toronto of the death, Dec. 17, of Colin Lorne Campbell. Interment took place Dec. 20 in Brantford, Ont. His widow, Mrs. R. V. Campbell, and one son, Pete, Campbell, survive him and live at 1716 Fort Street, Victoria.

ROBERTS — Mrs. Lucy Ann Roberts, aged 80, died in Vancouver Sunday. She had resided in Vancouver for four years, prior to which she had resided in Victoria 30 years. She leaves one son, R. Harold, in Vancouver; three daughters, Mrs. R. H. Addison, Victoria; Mrs. F. F. W. Lowe, Penikese, B.C., and Mrs. Eric P. Fox, Vancouver; 11 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. The remains will arrive on Saturday's boat from Vancouver, and funeral service will be conducted that afternoon at 2 in McCall Brothers' Funeral Chapel. Rev. Cyril Venables will officiate; interment at Ross Bay.

YERBURGH — Many friends were present at the funeral service held in St. Barnabas' Church yesterday afternoon for Richard Eustre Vertue Yerburgh. Canon N. E. Smith, assisted by Bishop H. E. Sexton and Rev. William Barton, conducted the service. Pallbearers were: R. Patrick, P. Salmon, P. W. Monckton, E. W. Izard, C. H. Skinner and E. P. Porter. Interment at St. John the Baptist's Churchyard, Colwood.

MACRAE — Mrs. Sarah Ann Bettison Macrae, widow of Dr. John Macrae, died this morning at her home, 2518 Cavendish Avenue, aged 95 years. She was born in Northumberland, England, and came to this city three years ago. Funeral will be held from Haywards' B.C. Funeral Chapel, Wednesday, at 1.30. Rev. J. R. Fife will officiate. Interment at Royal Oak.

EDWARDS — Archdeacon Robert Connell conducted last rites at Haywards' B.C. Funeral Chapel, Monday afternoon, for Gerald Spencer Edwards. Interment was at Holy Trinity Churchyard, Patricia Bay. Pallbearers were Eustace Mitchell, Ned Cornwall, B. LeFevre, E. G. Bristowe, J. Helms and R. Hayward Jr.

Overnight Entries At Tropical Park

First race—Six furlongs: Trimmed 110, Sweet Refrain 105, Patrol Flight 113, Ray Arg 107, Captive 110, Bo Brindley 107, Queen Echo 112, Ripter 102, Hunting Home 112, Roman Dancer 110, War Point 110, Morning Mail 113, Old Smoother 110, Puro Oro 108, Parfait Amour 110, Palapso 110, Shadowtown 107, Old Book 110.

Second race—Six furlongs: Bagdad 111, Thunder 108, Tower Guest 108, Sister Don 102, Michigan Belle 110, Question Man 110, Pure Briar 110, Chuzzle 113, Call Us 108, Jacobelle 108, Markman 108, No Doubt 110, Benna 106, Roly 106, Ray Boldy 111, Peace Bluff 111, Day by Day 112, May Bank 108, Ebony Reign 106.

Third race—Six furlongs: Zeete 110, Lazarus 110, Chance Bird 110, Javert 110, Hailderry 108, Portland 109, Torch Glem 111, Moonlit Bobly 110, Watercress 110, Range Dust 110, Speedy Steger 111, Winstette 108, Lady Estelle 108.

Fourth race—Six furlongs: High Claque 106, Part's Girl 113, Baris 110, Jack's Girl 106, Sweet Little Brevens 110, Ocean Raze 110, Alty Gorr 111, Tide Way 110, Aunt Eben 108, Here New 113, Calston 110, Fifth race—Six furlongs: Equilstone 115, Star Condon 110, Old Broom 111, Wood Blase 107, Roy Andler 110, Waugh Pop 110, George Lamaze 113, Scotch Trap 115, Sixth race—Mile and 90 yards: Incedad 111, Magic Stream 107, Advocate 110, As Pea 110, Pomona 108, Unknown Land 107, Crebe 110.

Eighth race—Mile and 90 yards: Rio Vals 108, Benny Cabrer 113, Trace Boy 110, War Joe 112, Doug Brashear 110, Monochlor 112, Post Spin 112, Yerkex 113, Perth Amboy 110, Flora Beas 110, Duke Eric 107, Cove Spring 109, Tough Bird 109, Priory 109, Span War 110, Golden Lea 111, Cansting 108, Stinging 113.

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Few Lines Down Following Storm

Wind of gale proportions here during the last two or three days has caused little damage to power or telephone lines, local offices reported.

"We have had few services down," G. M. Tripp, general superintendent of the B.C. Electric, stated. "There has been no major trouble, but some lines were carried down by trees."

"One high-tension wire fell on Wildwood Avenue, burning the ground where it landed.

"We are surprised to find so little trouble," the B.C. Telephone Company reported. "We were very lucky."



Ft.-Sgt. G. Jackson of London, England, here with the R.A.F., has a creditable war record and other claims to fame, but in Victoria it is that free flowing moustache that has made him stand out in the crowds when others pass unnoticed. Twelve years in the service, one of them spent in the Middle East, he is a nephew of Sir Barrie Jackson of the well-known Birmingham Repertoire Theatre. He is a talented pianist and directs the newly-formed R.A.F. dance orchestra. His nickname in the sergeants' mess? "You guessed right—Handlebar Hank."

Every citizen in Chile over 21 will have a vote in the election of a successor to late President Don Pedro Cerda, Feb. 1.

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Far East Events Disturb Australia

CANBERRA (CP)—Prime Minister John Curtin dispatched a cable today to President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Churchill outlining Australia's conception of the whole strategic problem in the Pacific as it affects this country.

Deeply concerned over developments in Malaya, the Australian Advisory War Council met to discuss the situation.

Mr. Curtin gave the latest confidential information from London, Washington and Singapore. Members of the council expressed disappointment at the revelation of the lack of adequate air strength in Malaya, but said they fully appreciated the contention of Air Chief Marshal Sir Robert Brooke-Popham, British commander-in-chief in the Far East, that much war material intended for Russia and Libya, where it was most needed at that time.

The council members expressed a feeling the air power of Japan had been seriously underestimated and said they wondered how an experienced statesman like Alfred Duff Cooper, British cabinet minister in the Far East, could have allowed himself to be misled.

During a recent visit to Australia Mr. Duff Cooper said nothing to federal ministers which would indicate any possibility of the present grave position of allied forces in the Far East, it was said, and the question of his qualifications and background for a post of such great responsibilities is stated to be exercising the minds of Australian ministers.

4 Hollanders Slain By Germans

LONDON (CP)—The Netherlands East Indies news agency Aneta said today: four Netherlands troops had been executed by German troops in Holland for assisting British aviators.

The men were the first executed since September, when five persons were shot for a like offence and three others for leading a sabotage organization.

There were reports anti-Nazi sabotage in Holland had increased since the German defeat in Russia, Aneta said. The agency said a Russian communiqué reported a German troop train was recently derailed, killing or wounding 50 men, and other railway accidents, including one outside the Amsterdam central station, were reported by Netherlands newspapers. Explosives have been planted in the mail boxes of Netherlands Nazis, one Nazi paper admitted.

Hitler Gets Ready To Launch Drives

BERNE (AP)—Hitler's assumption of the army high command is a sign that new offensives are being prepared, the Swedish newspaper Svenska Dagbladet said today.

The newspaper, quoted by the Stockholm correspondent of the Basel National Zeitung, said the drives probably would be attempted from Bulgaria through Turkey, Asia Minor, Palestine and the Suez Canal and from Sicily to Tunis and Tripoli to take British forces "from both sides" and drive British power out of the Mediterranean.

CADET THEATRE

Joan Blondell, now at the Cadet Theatre, in the title role of Universal's "Model Wife," is a congenial Miss Dagwood, judging from her snacks between meals. Her favorite concoction is a sandwich made of tomatoes, bacon, cheese, pickle and pineapple.



VICTOR McLAGLEN and Boris Karloff in "The Lost Patrol," now at the York Theatre.

"GREAT GUNS" AT DOMINION

Stan Laurel and Oliver Hardy are starred in "Great Guns," 20th Century-Fox comedy opening today at the Dominion Theatre.

In the past, the Laurel and Hardy comedies have never had a "story"—instead, they worked from day to day, and when the filming commenced no one could tell how the story would end. Under their new contract, signed with 20th Century-Fox just prior to the filming of "Great Guns," they have a clause which permits them to O.K. the script before they work on the picture.

According to preview critics, this system has worked out much better for all concerned. There was plenty of room for the comics to improvise—and they did insert several spontaneous gags which hit them on the spot—and brought belly laughs at the preview. But the important point is that "Great Guns," unlike most of the Laurel and Hardy comedies that have gone before, has a definite beginning, middle and ending.

Disney's 'Dumbo' Capitol Booking

Even conjurer P. T. Barnum, who knew all the tricks and devices of circus magic, would have nibbled his fingers with envy and suspense at the big tent spectacles staged by Walt Disney and his artists in "Dumbo," released by RKO Radio and showing at the Capitol Theatre starting Thursday.

One stunt alone of the many in "Dumbo" would have set Barnum dancing, when a half-donkey elephant, grunting and grinning and saying things out of the sides of their trunks, pull themselves by tail and trunk into a pyramid formation atop the back of their leader, who meanwhile is maintaining a precarious stance on a large rotating ball.

As the climax to this act, little Dumbo, world's mightiest midget mastodon, appears, and what he does to complete the spectacle is the most attention-riveting single piece of action since famed aerialist Codomo executed his first forward triple somersault high in the top reaches of the big tent.

YORK THEATRE

Good men and true, a dozen of them, colorful, rough and ready, saints, sinners, soldiers of fortune, are brought to the screen in "The Last Patrol," now at the York Theatre. On the far outskirts of civilization during the World War, somewhere in the Mesopotamian wilds, the little cavalry unit loses its sole commanding officer at the hands of an enemy Arab sniper. Secret orders are lost with him. Their own whereabouts and their whereabouts of their headquarters troop unknown, their water and food supply low and their mounts worn and weary, and for all they know every foot of advance bringing them nearer death from marauding Arabs, they face an ordeal such as few soldiers of the King have known.

ATLAS THEATRE

"She Knew All the Answers," hilarious new comedy starring Joan Bennett and Franchot Tone is at the Atlas Theatre today. Proving that Wall Street has not only bulls and bears but also wolves, the hectic picture was directed by Richard Wallace from Jane Allen's magazine story. In the supporting cast are John Hubbard, Eve Arden and William Tracy.

Being lintless and absorbent, the pith of cornstarch is being used to clean jewels and pivots of some of Grand Coulee Dam's machinery.

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Wheat Crop Graded

OTTAWA (CP)—The 1941 prairie wheat crop, buffeted by drought during the growing season and by bad weather at harvest time, is grading better than expected, Dominion Bureau of Statistics reports.

In a recent report the grain research laboratory of the board of grain commissioners made a tentative forecast of the new crop would comprise 10 per cent No. 1 northern, 35 per cent No. 2 northern and 55 per cent No. 3 northern. The statistics bureau reported today that total inspection showed 32.6 per cent grading No. 1 northern, 33.7 per cent No. 2 northern and 13.5 per cent No. 3 northern with 20 per cent "tough."

POWER CO. REPORT

MONTREAL (CP)—East Kootenay Power Company Limited today reported net earnings in November at \$38,821, as against \$33,210 in the corresponding month in 1940.

Gross earnings were \$1,024 higher at \$60,891 and operating expenses \$5,313 greater at \$21,570. Net earnings for the eight months ended Nov. 30 increased \$32,111 at \$305,575.

Attack on Auxiliary But Not on Carrier

LONDON (CP)—An authoritative announcement said today a torpedo attack was made on one of Britain's "auxiliaries" which was carrying out air protection duties with a convoy, but denied that a British aircraft carrier "has even been attacked."

The German communiqué claiming to have sunk an air craft carrier of the formidable class in the Atlantic possibly referred to the attack on the auxiliary vessel, the announcement said.

Authorities did not say what was the result of the attack on the auxiliary.

REPEATED BY NAZIS

BERLIN (German broadcast recorded by AP)—The German high command reiterated today in its daily communiqué the claim made Monday that a British aircraft carrier had been sunk.

"As already announced in a special communiqué," it said, "a U-boat commanded by Lieut. Capt. Bigelt attacked a British aircraft carrier in the Atlantic which was protecting a convoy."

"The U-boat rendered the aircraft carrier incapable of manoeuvring by torpedo hits" a propeller.

After two further torpedo hits on the bow and amidships, the aircraft carrier went down by the bow."

The picturesque little fish called sea horses really "talk"—at least they make faint snapping noises, which seem to have communication value.



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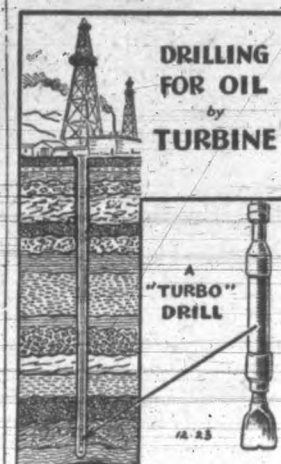


Uncle Ray

Oklahoma Left Behind in Oil Production

It seems clear that the Nazi drive into Russia was made largely to obtain oil. Russia has a richer oil supply than any other nation in Europe.

Hitler needed the oil for his war machines. Tanks and airplanes will not move if they have no gasoline for their motors. Gasoline can be obtained from coal, but the best place to get it is from oil.



It is plain why the Nazis wanted oil, but if they did not make war, they would not need it. When there is no war, plenty of oil can be obtained through peaceful trade.

Nature gave the earth a huge supply of oil, but it was not placed evenly over the continents. Judging by the yearly output, North America has more oil than all the rest of the world.

It is not safe to judge the supply entirely by output. Every year, oil wells are found in places where no one knew they existed before. There was a time when Oklahoma was classed as "the greatest oil state in the United States." That time has passed. Thanks to new wells, Texas is now far ahead of Oklahoma, and California has ranked above Oklahoma in most years of the past 10.

Very likely the coming years will see hundreds of new oil wells, perhaps thousands. Some other continent—at least Africa, or Asia—may have a larger store under the ground than North America.

At present, however, we must speak from what we know about output. The United States ranks first in the world in the amount of oil produced. More oil comes from United States wells than from all wells in all other nations.

In the past 10 years, the average output of the world's oil has been about 1,700,000,000 barrels per year. Of this the average of the United States has been about 1,000,000,000 barrels per year. In the past five years the average has been well above that figure. Russia ranks second in oil production. It produces only about one-sixth as much as the United States, but Russian oil is of special importance in the present warfare. It exists in a centre from which it can be transported easily.

So far as our records go for the past five years, Venezuela ranks third and Iran is fourth. Fifth place is held by the Dutch East Indies, with Rumania a close sixth, and Mexico seventh.

HOROSCOPE

DEC. 23

Conflicting planetary aspects are noted for today. Finances are favored. Affairs in the business world should run smoothly. Accidents may be caused through recklessness.

Persons whose birthdate it is have the augury of an eventful year. Children born on this day may be courageous and cheerful.

Better English

1. What is wrong with this sentence? "The books each cost a dollar apiece."
2. What is the correct pronunciation of "gratuitous"?
3. Which one of these words is misspelled? Halitosis, halucination, hallucination.
4. What does the word "deterrent" (noun) mean?
5. What is a word beginning with pa that means "biased"?

Answers:
1. Say, "The books cost a dollar each," or, "The books cost a dollar apiece." 2. Pronounce gratuitous, as I ask, unstressed, first u as in mule, i as in it unstressed, accent second syllable. 3. Hallucination. 4. That which prevents from action by fear of consequences. "The news acted as a deterrent." 5. Partial.

Firm snow gets its name from an old German word meaning "from last year," but it may be years old—see snowstorm page, and it is rock-hard.

THIS CURIOUS WORLD

By William Ferguson



ANSWER: An eclipse of the sun. Each of these terms describes a phenomenon that occurs at such a time.

Dorothy Dix's Letter Box

DEAR MISS DIX—Can you tell me how to cure myself of jealousy? I have been married a year to a very handsome, outstanding young man. He is very attractive to other women. He is not flirtatious and has done nothing to arouse my jealousy, but whenever he looks at another woman I see red, and every minute he is away from me I am wild with suspicion of what he is doing and what woman he is with. He is associated in business with very attractive girls and I do not see how I can stand it, although I know there is nothing to justify my fears. Is there any cure for jealousy? A JEALOUS WIFE.

Answer: None that I know of, because the only possible antidote for it is common sense and that seems to be a quality that the jealous never possess. Nor is there anything that the victim of jealousy can do to keep from rousing the green-eyed monster in the breast of the jealous, because jealousy is self-sustaining. It manufactures its own torments.

A husband and wife may be patterns of discretion. They may never look at or speak to a member of the opposite sex. But that will not secure them immunity from jealousy by their mates. I have known husbands and wives so jealous of a dog or cat that their wives and husbands could not even have a pet.

The only remedy that I can recommend to you as a palliative of jealousy is to cultivate self-esteem. You know your husband picked you out from all other women in the world as a wife. Why not keep ever in mind the thought that if he did he must have admired you most and desired you most, and that, therefore, you have no reason to fear any other woman?

After all, jealousy springs from a sense of inferiority and the belief that you are less attractive than others. DOROTHY DIX.

Today's Crossword Puzzle



- HORIZONTAL
- 1 Pictured musician.
 - 10 Rip.
 - 11 Electrified particle.
 - 12 Eject.
 - 14 Array.
 - 15 Any.
 - 16 Perform.
 - 17 Greases.
 - 18 Work unit.
 - 20 Combustible fluid.
 - 23 Meadow.
 - 24 Like.
 - 25 Perched.
 - 27 Supplied with food.
 - 29 Doctor (abbr.).
 - 30 Low sand hill.
 - 31 Light rap.
 - 33 Farm buildings.
 - 34 Greek god of war.
 - 36 Eat sparingly.
 - 37 Hostelry.
 - 38 One Scout (abbr.).
- VERTICAL
- 7 Northern constellation.
 - 8 Man's name.
 - 9 Vexed.
 - 10 Act the part of host.
 - 13 Former Russian ruler.
 - 19 Flags.
 - 21 Near.
 - 22 Keeps.
 - 25 Fine lines of a letter.
 - 26 Left a will (law).
 - 28 Mendis.
 - 30 Father.
 - 32 Writing implement.
 - 35 Slides.
 - 36 View.
 - 40 Dense, fine-grained rock.
 - 43 Embellish.
 - 45 Jungle beast.
 - 47 Trolley case.
 - 49 Young boy.
 - 51 Letter V.
 - 52 Electrical term.
 - 53 Reverend (abbr.).
 - 54 Cloth measure.

Answer to Previous Puzzle



Boots and Her Buddies



By Martin

Wash Tubs



By Roy Crane

Mr. and Mrs.



By Arthur Fowell and Ellison Hoover

Alley Oop



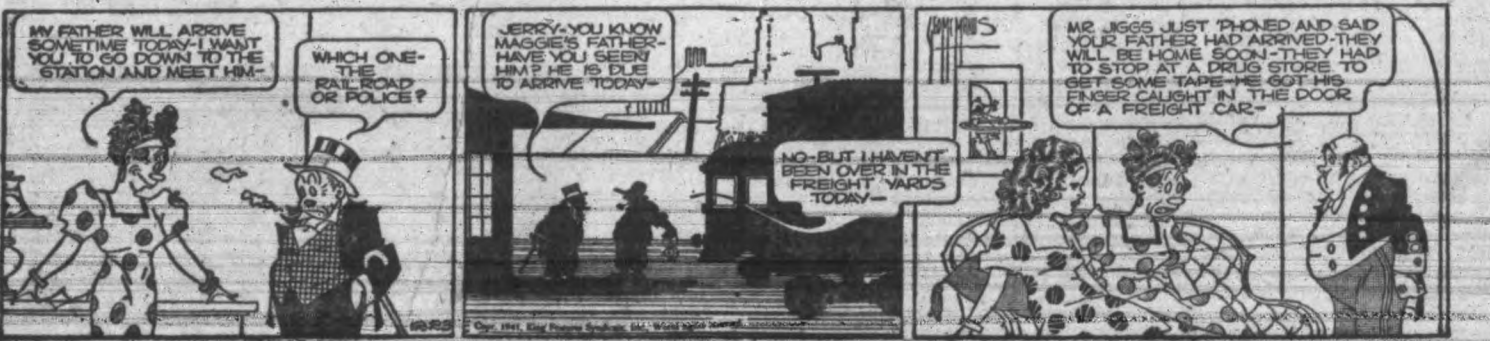
By V. T. Hamlin

Freckles and His Friends



By Merrill Blosser

Bringing Up Father



By George McManus

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Letters to the Editor

JAP FIFTH COLUMNISTS IN B.C.

If you will bear with me once again, after your kindness in inserting my letter in your issue of Dec. 19, I would like to follow it up with the following few remarks, before the matter is permitted to die out from apathy.

On the following day, Dec. 20, I was amazed to read in the papers an assurance issued by members of a special committee of the navy, army, the R.C.M.P. and the standing Committee on Oriental Problems to the effect that "adequate measures have been taken to guard against any Japanese fifth-column movement in B.C."

This would not seem to tally with the fact. No measures can be adequate which do not include removal of the Japanese nationals, away from any possibility of fifth-column activity. In other words, removal to many hundreds of miles away from the coast. And when I say Japanese, I refer alike to men and women. Anyone who has studied the Japanese situation in this province is fully aware that the female Japanese is, if possible, more fanatical in patriotism than the male, which is amply illustrated in the famous quotation: "The female of the species is more dangerous than the male."

Fifth-columnists when the appointed moment comes, strike swiftly without the slightest warning. It is idle to suppose they are going to give preliminary notice they are about to strike. Hawaii knew all about the possible menace of its Japanese citizens and beyond a doubt they were one and all "stabbed" by the authorities with regard to their possible danger in an emergency but the emergency was too swift and all was of no avail. In other words, "adequate measures had been taken" and then what?

Do not let us be lulled for one moment, anyone of us, into a state of false security. Let us keep on showing by every legitimate means in our power that we, the people, are not satisfied with the present state of affairs and let us keep on letting our voices be heard in no uncertain manner.

If a city professional football team, or ice-hockey team, or any other representative body, are clearly not doing their level best against their opponents, the voices of the onlookers are heard proclaiming their disgust and dissatisfaction in an unmistakable manner.

The safety of the realm and the safety of our Pacific coast are of more consequence than many football games. Why then do we still remain supine, as I asked before, and make no united effort to bestir this province to a realization that it is situated as no other province in this Dominion is?

Let us all get a "move on." Let all the people interested in the safety of the Dominion let their voices be heard, either in the press, by public meetings, by pamphlets or any other means which may appear possible. Unless this is done, not one of us has the slightest excuse and is as guilty as hell when the day of our betrayal in due course arrives, as arrive it must and certainly should if we get our true desserts.

It is almost heart-breaking to see how any city, when each and every inhabitant thereof knows full well it is his or her duty to protest vehemently against the laxity of precaution, puts up no protest, no appeal, no fight. Are we dogs or puppets or British subjects?

I will trouble you with no more letters Mr. Editor. I feel it is a matter for every single individual to grapple with his conscience. If he is satisfied with our precautions, well and good. If he is not, then for Heaven's sake let him voice his protest by every means in his power. You will note from this that I personally am not satisfied.

If the cost to the country by reason of internment of the Japanese is one of the restraining reasons, I would suggest that if it cost even a million dollars a day, it would be cheap at the price. If our island fell, money would not matter very much to us or to the country.

I regret, above all, to notice that in the statement I have referred to above, issued by the special committee, that the immobilization of the Japanese fishing fleet is referred to as "a step of minor importance." Can this wording of it as "of minor importance" be breaking the news to us gently that is (or some of it) may be released to carry on its grim work? I should somehow regard its immobilization for the "duration" as of paramount importance.

I have an uneasy feeling, somehow a presentiment, that the powerful fish canning companies are urging the importance of releasing the fishing fleet in order that they may be able to carry out their orders. Be this as it may, let us see to it at any rate, that such Japanese boats as are released are not manned by Japanese, whether Japanese or Canadian born, whether Japanese or Canadian subjects. Far better to leave the canneries closed down for want of fish than run the risk of betrayal. Such a proceeding would undoubtedly be a dreadful blow to the canneries, but we are all undergoing sinister blows in our own small selves without much moaning. We are at war.

On Sunday night, Dec. 21, the radios were announcing how the landings of the Japanese in the Philippines was helped and aided by the resident Japanese colony of the Philippines, 25,000 in number. (Notice the similarity in numbers.)

If necessary we can live without fish and so can England, but in any event, there are white fishermen who would do their best to supply our fishing needs.

Let me again implore you—each one of you—to acquit yourselves like men, and voice your dissatisfaction with things as they are.

SIDNEY D'ESTERRE
Comox, V.I.

ENEMY IN OUR MIDST
I am writing in strong support of the action asked for and favoring the sentiments expressed in recent letters regarding Japanese internment, etc. Surely we have had illustrations enough from even the present war to demonstrate that the best people as a general rule, are above all, true to their Fatherland.

War is a horrible business and involves hardships and cruelties. The British and American peoples leaned backwards to avoid war—Munich, Nomura and Kurusu at Washington—nevertheless, war it is.

All peoples of enemy origin, Germans and Italians as well as Japanese, should and must be guarded in such a way that they can never get into the position of having to decide whether they will strike a vital blow for the country of their origin, or the one in which they happened to be when war broke out.

The true Canadians among these races can in time be segregated and be allowed to help in work for Canada, but even they should by now be where they can have no chance to act as did their "excuse-please bakers" in Manila.

These obvious safeguards have not as yet been taken in Canada. The only Dominion-wide organization which has presented a clearly defined plan to cover all complete war efforts is the Canadian Legion.

Get a copy of the legion "Call for Total War"—write your local member of Parliament in support of the legion call and urge action now. Many tragic months have passed since Mr. Churchill said minutes and hours were vital.

P. G. BARR
1365 Rockland Avenue.

CHRISTMAS TREE SABOTEURS

Last summer, as for many summers past, our highways were decked with signs beseeching us to "Save the Forests."

That it is necessary to protect the forests and save them is well known to almost all our citizens. It is certainly recognized by our provincial government as it is they who place these signs along our highways.

That our forests are being seriously depleted is also well known, and is also recognized by our provincial government, who



A DEVOTED FAMILY MAN who finds most of his relaxation within the family circle, Hon. Louis St. Laurent, Canada's newly-appointed Minister of Justice, is shown in this recent picture with his wife and five children. In front are Marthe, Mr. and Mrs. St. Laurent and Madeleine. Standing at the rear are Renauld, Therese

and Jean-Paul. Renauld is a lieutenant at the Quebec navy station. Jean-Paul, a practicing lawyer in Quebec, is a captain in a reserve unit, and Madeleine wears the uniform of a junior commandant in the W.A.A.C. The other two daughters are married, Marthe to Frank Lafferty and Therese to Dr. Mathieu Samson.

are forced to spend millions of dollars of our money each year on reforestation in an effort to stem the tide.

The menace of forest fires is past for this year, and in consequence the signs asking us to save the forests are removed.

There is, however, another menace at this time of the year which is taking a tremendous toll of the young forest—namely, the Christmas tree hunter.

Today there was an endless procession of cars returning to town with Christmas trees. Some cars had as many as three trees, most of them "had" two. Some, but a very small percentage, had only one.

I would say that to place the number of cars out collecting trees at 500 would be a conservative estimate. This means that about 1,000 trees were cut—and no doubt it will be worse next week.

It is also fairly obvious that each car going out must consume about two gallons of gasoline—and the Dominion government has put us on trust to conserve gasoline.

In other words the citizens of Victoria have consumed today about 1,000 gallons of gasoline (which the Dominion government asks to conserve) in order to destroy about 1,000 trees which the provincial government asks us to save.

If you must break faith with both the Dominion and provincial governments, do for heaven's sake take along a spade instead of an axe, dig up your tree, and plant it in your garden after Christmas. You will be able then to use the same tree next year.

G. T. MAURICE
1326 Yates Street.

TURKEY DINNER
I would like to express my opinion about the turkey dinners to be given to enemy prisoners interned in Canada. When I heard that over the radio I was very much disgusted, and I was glad to read that the Originals club of 1914-1918 had registered a protest. Will our Canadians that are prisoners in Europe get a turkey Christmas dinner? I think not. They will be lucky to get enough to eat unless they get a parcel through the Red Cross.

I have two boys in the army. One was in England last Christmas and while he got a dinner good enough for anyone and was well satisfied, he did not get turkey, nor did we have turkey in our own home.

AILEEN HOGAN.

\$500 PEARL NECKLACE
In order to disprove that rumor that this store sold a necklace worth \$500 for a trifling amount, a member of the staff has purchased the necklace back from the dealer who bought it for the sum of \$25 and has re-presented the necklace to the Superfluous Store, where it may now be purchased by anyone for \$25.

Rumors of this kind are discreditable not to the earnest volunteers who give freely of their time and knowledge to serve this store, but to those who take pleasure in repeating stories to the detriment of this essential war work.

20-million Volt Electrons Produce New Power X-Rays

SCHENECTADY, N.Y. — X-rays, more powerful than would be given by the world's total supply of radium, have been produced at the General Electric Research Laboratory here by 20,000,000 volt electrons whirling with a velocity near to that of light, which is 186,000 miles a second.

The electrons were accelerated to their enormous speeds, more than double those of any previously obtained, by a new instrument of research devised by Dr. Donald W. Kerst of the University of Illinois, and called by him the rheotron.

At these high speeds, the electrons are far more penetrating than those of radium, and when they strike a target generate equally powerful X-rays. The volume of output exceeds that of 1,000 grams of radium, more than the world's supply.

Although resembling the cyclotron, the rheotron is much smaller for the same voltage and its action is quite different. The cyclotron can only accelerate heavyweight atomic particles, at least 1,800 times heavier than the electron. This it does by giving the particle a push at each revolution, or each half-cycle of the alternating current.

In the rheotron, the entire acceleration of the electron takes place during a quarter cycle, less than two-thousandths of a second, in which brief time the electron makes 400,000 revolutions and travels some 200 miles.

The electrons from a hot filament are whirled in a doughnut-shaped glass tube from which the air has been exhausted. The tube fits between the poles of an electromagnet which is supplied with an alternating current. They are speeded up while the strength of magnetic field is increasing.

The present 20,000,000-volt rheotron is patterned after a smaller table-size machine of 2,300,000 volts built by Dr. Kerst at the University of Illinois. Last year he obtained leave of absence from the university to work with the General Electric Company on the present machine.

Work has already started on a still larger machine that will whirl electrons up to an energy of 100,000,000 volts.

There is no evident limit to the energy that can be imparted to an electron by this method, Dr. Kerst declares. It has the advantage that the electron is continuously accelerated while the magnetic field is increasing, and is kept within a comparatively small orbit which it goes around many times. Previous electron accelerators, whether linear or spiral, which boosted the speed in steps like the cyclotron, soon reached a limit because of the enormous size of the apparatus required—many times larger than a cyclotron of the same energy.

The new method is expected to be of enormous value in further atom smashing experiments. It may put at the disposal of the physicist man-made radiation almost as powerful as the cosmic rays.

4 in Hospital After Car Crashes

Two women and a 5-year-old child were treated in hospital for injuries suffered when two cars collided at Pandora Ave. and Fernwood Road at 6:30 Monday night.

Kenneth Smith, son of Ernest B. Smith, Cordova Bay, the driver of one of the cars, was taken to St. Joseph's Hospital by taxi. He suffered cuts and bruises about the face and body. The child's mother, Katherine Smith, also in the car, was taken to St. Joseph's Hospital later by police. She suffered a broken collar bone and injuries to the left arm. They were both attended by Dr. A. C. Sinclair.

Miss Dorothy Adler, 726 Mt. Joy Avenue, a passenger in the other car, was treated at Jubilee Hospital for a cut on the nose. She was attended by Dr. E. W. Boak.

Smith was driving east on Pandora and turning north on to Fernwood when his car and an auto driven west on Pandora by 2nd Lt. J. W. Benham, Gordon Head, collided. The drivers of both cars escaped injury.

AGED PEDESTRIAN STRUCK
Struck down by a car while crossing at Fort and Cook at 5:45 Monday evening, Mrs. Wallace Grime, age 70, 819 Cook Street, was taken to Royal Jubilee Hospital suffering from a fractured right leg and a cut on the back of the head.

Mrs. Grime was crossing Fort from the northwest corner of Cook to the south curb. She was struck by a car driven by J. C. McNeill, who was proceeding east on Fort.

Dr. E. W. Boak attended. H. E. Hall, 2631 Blanshard Street, was thrown from his car after a collision with a truck driven by Chas. Jones, 3116 Earl Grey Street, at Yates and Vancouver Monday afternoon. The car kept going and crashed into a parked car owned by Ernest Lane.

Knocked from his motorcycle at Johnson and Government Monday afternoon, Kenneth Ross was unhurt although his machine was slightly damaged. Ross told police he was hit by a car which failed to stop at the traffic signal.



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Overcome By Fumes

Overcome by fumes while working in the hold of a ship at Victoria Machinery Depot, Monday night, J. T. McGarrity, 1151 Pandora Avenue, was attended by Dr. Harold V. Hughes and ordered to St. Joseph's Hospital.

McGarrity was doing electric welding when he was overcome a few minutes before midnight. He was taken to hospital by police patrol. Firemen were called to the ship with an inhaler.

Drive Against Turkey

LONDON (CPI)—The Bulgarian port of Varna and the Rumanian port of Constanta on the Black Sea were reported today by the Moscow radio to be in complete German control. The radio-quoted Istanbul sources. Announcement of Bulgaria's mobilization was expected shortly as Bulgarian war preparations were reported increasing, particularly along the Turkish border, the radio said.

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Victoria Yuletide Mail Sets Record



The busiest spot in Victoria is pictured in the scenes above and to the right, the sorting department of the Victoria Post Office where the Christmas mail is setting an all-time record. Monday, the peak was reached, when 263,000 letters went through the cancellation machine that records the only count made of mail handled. The previous high was 1840 when the high water mark was 210,000 letters. The rush continues today, Postmaster G. H. Gardiner states, incoming mail now being on the increase.

LANGFORD
At a meeting of the directors of the Langford Women's Institute at the home of Miss Savory the following were elected to office: President, Miss Savory; vice-president, Mrs. P. N. Welch; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. R. J. Smith; directors, Mrs. H. F. Jack and Mrs. C. Rezac. Plans were made for a card party Dec. 29 at 2 in aid of the Belmont unit of the Red Cross.

Members of Gyro Club Monday enjoyed a Christmas dinner and singing. Prizes were presented to the members. Expressing hope that next year Christmas would be enjoyed in a more

peaceful world, Neil Grant, president, wished all members the season's greetings.

McKechile Cup Rugby, Vancouver vs Victoria, Macdonald Park, Boxing Day, at 2:30.